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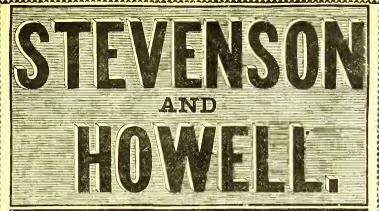
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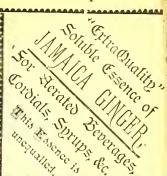
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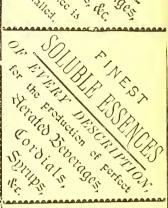
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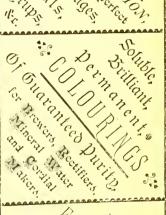
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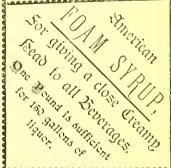
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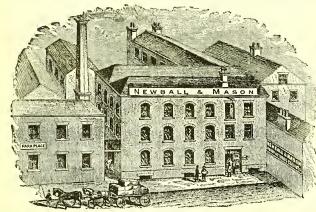
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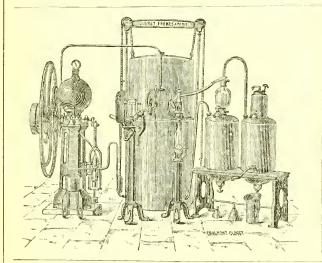
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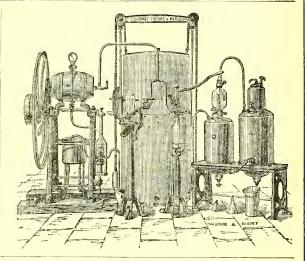
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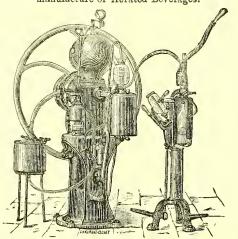
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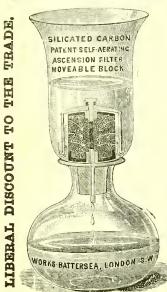
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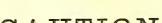


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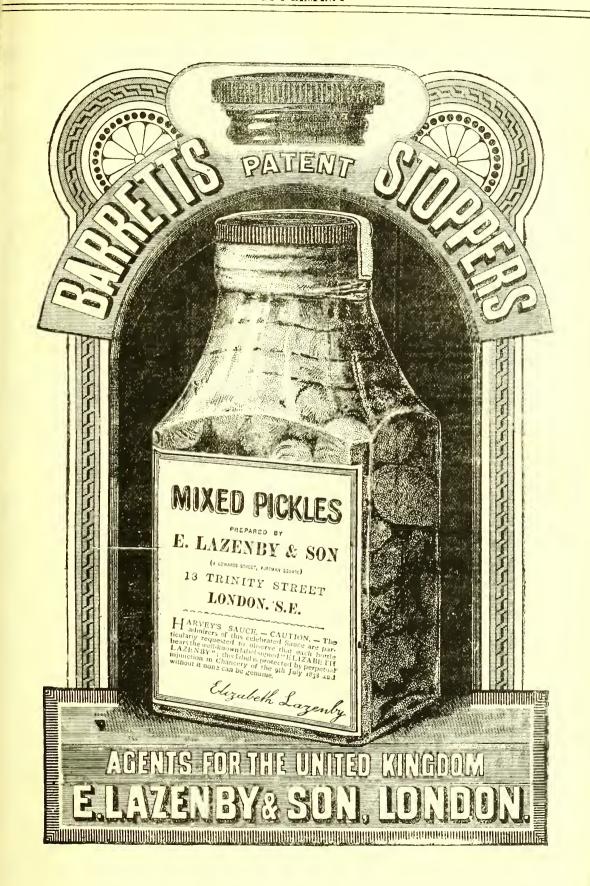
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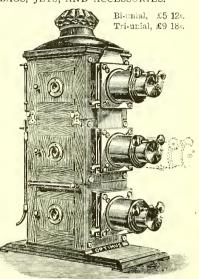
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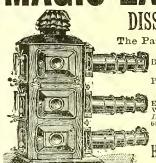
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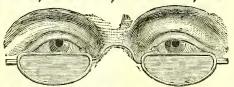
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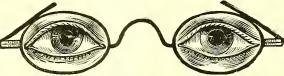
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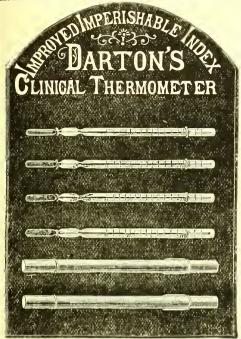
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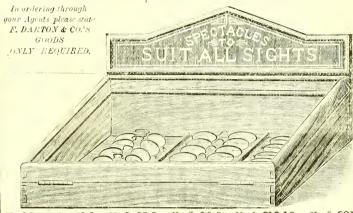
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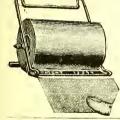
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has been the office of the introduction of the rare and exquisite essence of the needles of the Pumilio, a pine which grows on the snowy heights of the Alps. The superior antiseptic and delicate fragrant qualities of this essence (Pinol), and its superlative medicinal properties, have long been of practical use on the Continent, where pine baths, and the pine treatment generally,

long been of practical use on the Continent, where pine baths, and the pine treatment generally, are very popular. The new Hydropathic Institution, lately opened at Farnborough, in which Pinol is used, marks a growing appreciation of the value of pine preparations in pulmonary, renal, rheumatic, gouty, and neuralgic troubles. It is now possible for one to realise the full benefit of pinol preparations at home, and we shall be pleased to supply a circular on this subject post free, upon application.

Contrary to the prognostications of some, that antipyrin was gradually dying out, its scope of usefulness has been increasing, and of late the medical journals have contained many reports of its favourable action in dysmenorrhoea, neuralgia, and megrim. It has been administered hypodermically in from four to eight grain doses, by German See, Fraenkel, Hirsch, &c., with admirable results. The Antipyrin Tabloids are freely soluble, devoid of all admixture, and perfectly adapted in every way for hypodermic use, as well as for administration by the mouth. They are much preferred to antifebrin.

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places Lanoline alone as a perfect unguent basis.

From the detailed reports published on the Continent, as well as from the letters we ourselves receive from medical men, the consensus of opinion among physicians as to Strophanthus is that in many cases where digitalis is

Strophanthus Tincture and Tabloids. as useless as water, the arrow-poison is all that one could expect. Naturally, it has never been recommended as a "cure all" for cardiac disease, but, despite comparisons made between it and combinations of digitalis with other drugs, it has certainly so far held its own among the heart tonics. In a prominent London dispensary the drug was abandoned and denounced; we obtained

from the dispenser and analysed a specimen of the preparation used, and it was absolutely abominable. Our own preparations were given trial, and continue in use there now. Strophanthus can of course be given simultaneously with strychnine, diuretics, chalybeates, &c. Our Tabloids contain each 2 minims of the tincture (1 in 20), and are uniform, soluble, and reliable.

The difference in the results obtained with Cascara Sagrada has without a doubt been more largely due to the varying and uncertain character of the preparations than to any idiosyncrasies of the patients. Recently a trial was made in fifty cases of chronic constipation, wherein the agent removed the trouble in forty-four. Moreover, it was found desirable to diminish, rather than increase, the dose the longer the drug was given. Cascara is considered to be a very natural evacuant, somewhat analogous in action, perhaps, to rhubarb, though a moderate dose of it does not gripe.

The demand for Pure Terebene (Burroughs) revived with the oncome of the fall and wintery weather, and for "winter cough" it is, so far as we can judge, being quite as largely employed in the Burroughs' Chloride of Ammonium Inhaler and Atomizers as it is for internal administration. M. Betrim has recently recommended it in epithelioma of the uterus. He finds that by syringing the vagina well, and applying Terebene on a pledget of cotton, the discharge, odour, and growth of the vegetations are greatly lessened.

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THE ADVANCES OF '87.

(Continued from preceding page.)

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A great change is coming over the field of dietetics in connection with the administration of cod-liver oil.

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Finally, the key-note of the spirit of the times was struck in his paper before the last Brit. Pharm. Conference by Dr. Leech, Professor of Mat. Med. in Owens College. The following extracts are made from the paper :-

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"It is felt by the members of our profession," said Prof. Leech, "that many of the conflicting results recorded by therapeutics, many of the failures met with when successes are expected, are connected with difference in strength in the drug employed. The want of reliance on the uniformity of our present official preparations is leading medical men to employ the preparations of those large houses in America and Germany, as well as in England, who guarantee their compounds of a definite strength."

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WE are now preparing our special January issue, which will be dated for January 28, and will be sent to the best selection of English-reading chemists and druggists throughout the world. We can circulate stitched up with that issue the private prospectuses and price currents of firms connected with the trade, and shall be glad to quote prices. The issue is of special importance to all advertisers, and announcements appearing in it are very likely to bear abundant fruit now that trade is looking up.

Poisoning Cases.— At Leeds, on Tuesday, an inquest was held on the body of a baby, whose mother had given it half a teaspoonful of a preparation containing laudanum. The dosc contained one or two drops of the narcotic. The baby died about twelve hours afterwards. The mixture had been made by the mother herself, and in summing up the coroner said that the case showed how eareful people ought to be in making up their own mixtures without medical advice. Verdiet: "Death by misadventure."—Last week Robert Broan, a coal agent, residing in Broxton, who had lately given way to drink, procured some vermin-killer and laudanum, which he made a draught of, dying from its effects.—Sarah Seale, wife of a Tamworth shoemaker, attempted to poison herself on Saturday by drinking the greater part of two-pennyworth of laudabum.—An inquest was held at Nottingham on December 6, by Mr. A. Browne, regarding the death of Wm. Brown (58), an army pensioner. Herbert Brown, assistant to Mr. Widdowson, chemist, deposed to selling five pennyworth of laudanum to the deceased on the previous morning. He knew the deeeased, who said the laudanum was for a sprain. Deceased afterwards swallowed the narcotic. Mrs. Brown stated in evidence that her husband had lately been despoudent, and had threatened to do away with himself. A verdict of suicide was therefore returned.

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Secretaries of societies are requested to send early information of approaching meetings.

Tuesday, January 17.

Royal Institution of Great Britain, at 3 P.M. Professor G. J. Romanes on "Before and After Darwin."

Wednesday, January 18.

Pharmaceutical Society, 36 York Place, Edinburgh, at 830 p.m. Mr. Daniel Gorrie on "Extractum Ergotæ Liquidum." Mr. William Lawson on "Syr. Hypophosph. Co.," and "Syr. Ferri Phosph. Co." Adjourned discussion on the B.P.C. Formulary.

Thursday, January 19.

Chemical Society, at 8 P.M. T. E. Thorpe, F.R.S., and W. T. Smith, M.B. (Lond.) on "Morindon." T. E. Thorpe and F. J. Hambly on "Manganese Trioxide." "Contribution to the Theory of the Vitriol Chamber Process," by Professor Lunge, and "Studies in Coal Distillation," by Lewis T. Wright.

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Metropolitan Reports.

A PAINFUL SENSATION was caused in Greenwich on Wednesday by the report that Louisa Ostler, the wife of an assistant with Mr. Brown, chemist, of 55 Trafalgar Road, had murdered her little boy of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. It appears that Mrs. Ostler, who is near her confinement, had lately suffered from religious mania, and was attended by her sister. While the latter was absent from the room, Mrs. Ostler took a table-knife and cut the boy's throat, the head being nearly severed from the body. When charged with the murder, Mrs. Ostler appeared not to realise what she had done, simply saying, "God told me 1 must do this."

Suspicious Death.—Mr. Braxton Hicks held an inquest at Putney, on Wednesday, regarding the death of Phœbe Knight (47), a widow. The deceased had a lodger, Robert Conrad Mossman by name, who was known as a doctor, and practised as such. In evidence Mossman stated that he was a qualified medical man, although his name was not on the register. He also stated that the deceased had frequently complained of pleurisy, and he had prescribed for her a draught of 10 grains of bromide of potassium on the evening of January 5, the day before she died. In the afternoon of the same day he had given her a morphia and camphor water. She died at twenty minutes to seven in the morning. The evidence of other witnesses was directed to show that Mossman was not sober, or was muddled when he made up the draught for Mrs. Knight, accordingly the coroner adjourned the inquest for a month to permit of an analysis of the contents of the stomach and other matters.

Poisoning Cases. - Benjamin Furnell (30) residing at Plaistow, swallowed twopence worth of laudanum with suicidal intent, and when taken before the magistrate on December 5, regretted that he had not taken sixpence worth. -Dr. G. Danford Thomas held an inquest on December 6 regarding the death of Elizabeth Margeson, aged 55, a single lady of independent means. From the evidence of her attendant, Dinah Toakley, it appears the deceased lady had suffered from strange hallucinations, and had threatened to commit suicide. On the previous Tuesday afternoon she told witness that she had taken poison. Medical assistance was called, but she died within an hour and a half, after suffering great agony. Mr. William James, chemist, High Street, Notting Hill, who knew the deceased as a customer, deposed to supplying her with tincture of aconite, which, she alleged, she required to assuage neuralgic pains. He made an entry of the sale in his "poisons book," and asked the deceased to append her signature, but she would merely write a cross to her name, which witness wrote. Mr. W. F. Palmer, a surgeon, who had seen Miss Margeson before her death, stated that it was a case of aconite poisoning, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.—Mary Wilson (58) was charged at Bow Street, on Saturday, with attempting to commit suicide with laudanum. The prisoner, who had once been in comfortable circumstances, under the protection of a gentleman, was now destitute, and wished, in consequence, to take her life. She was remanded.—Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest at Middlesex Hospital, on Thursday afternoon, on the body of a boy of 6, who, on November 24 last, drank some spirits of salts from a ginger-beer bottle. The deceased was taken to the hospital at the time, and, getting better, returned home, but got worse, and was again taken to the hospital, where he died on Monday.

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Items of news, and newspapers containing matters of interest to the trade, sent to the Editor, will much oblige.

BIRMINGHAM.

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS AT THE MIDLAND INSTITUTE,-The annual conversazione of the Birmingham and Midland Institute was opened on Tuesday evening, and continued until Friday. Numerous scientific objects were shown, and experiments made. Messrs. G. & W. Purser & Co. exhibited a highly-effective refrigerator, remarkable for the fact that its valves produce a practically perfect vacuum. In the experiments shown by the refrigerator one had an oppor-tunity of seeing water freezing while it boiled, and at an adjoining desk the paradox of ice causing water to boil, and heat making it cease from boiling. Mr. Warren de la Rue exhibited some vacuum tubes containing minerals in a highly phosphorescent condition. Mr. C. V. Boys showed his ingenious method of producing very fine threads of quartz or glass required in a delicate instrument for the detection of slow changes of temperature. Mr. Boys also demonstrated how extremely fine threads of sealing-wax may be spun by means of a Voss electrical machine drawing them out between its two poles. One of the tables was of especial interest just now, as it contained specimens of the auriferous deposits extracted from the Gwynfynedd mine lately discovered in North Wales. Dr. Poynting contributed a form of electroscope so delicate as to show with a single voltaic cell the faint generation of electricity which takes place when a man brushes his hair.

THE MALICIOUS PROSECUTION CASE.—At the Birming. ham County Court on January 5 an application was made for a new trial of the action brought by Joseph Sims, a warehouseman, against Richard Brown, of Spring Hill, Birmingham, wholesale druggist. The action, which was tried last month before Judge Chalmers and a jury, was to recover 50% damages for wrongful imprisonment, and the jury found for the plaintiff for the amount claimed. Mr. Alfred Young now applied, on behalf of the defendant, for a new trial, on the ground that one of the jurymen had been guilty of misconduct, and also that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. The misconduct alleged against the juryman was that he had made up his mind and expressed a strong opinion upon the case before heaving any of the defendant's evidence. The judge remarked that if the verdict was right the conduct of the juryman would be immaterial, and said there were two substantial issues left to the jury. One was whether the plaintiff had been guilty of felony; and the second was whether, assuming that no felony had been committed, the defendant had reasonable and probable cause to give plaintiff into custody, and acted without malice. After some discussion between counsel, the judge granted the application for a new trial. He thought the evidence was overwhelming in support of the proposition that the defendant had acted reasonably, and he was not satisfied with the verdict. He ordered defendant to pay the costs of the last trial, and also to pay into court the 50l. awarded as damages, to abide the event of the new trial.

HULL.

Fire.—On Monday Mr. E. Riley, chemist, Lowgate, was making some furniture paste at the back of the shop, when the mixture boiled over. In attempting to take it into the back yard he fell, being severely burnt about the hands and face. The premises also caught fire, and considerable damage was done before the flames were extinguished. Mr. Riley was subsequently taken to the Infirmary and his injuries attended to. Several other persons who were in the premises at the time had narrow escapes.

IRELAND.

FIRE.—Early on the moving of January 5 the premises of Messrs. O'Neill & Co., govrs and dauggists, Maghera,

w; destroyed by fire. The inmates effected their escape in til r night-clothing through a back window.

R. WILLIAM LAIRD, pharmaceutical chemist, who has for my years managed the medical hall and general drug en blishment of Dr. Leonard & Co., Earl Street, Dublin, hing decided to remove with his wife to Sydney, N.S.W., been lately presented with a highly complimentary a ress and a purse of sovereigns by the principal and staff on he firm named, expressing deep regret at his departure a best wishes for his future. Mr. William Laird is the other of Mr. John Laird, pharmaceutical chemist, I terick.

LIVERPOOL.

IACSYMON & Co., who were recently prosecuted by the Trmaceutical Society for the illegal sale of poisons have to registered themselves as a limited company, and adverts in the Liverpool papers that "they are now dispensing scriptions at about half the usual trade prices. Quality the leading feature in all departments at the Stores in an Street, and as the profits on drugs, &c., even at half the tall prices, are larger than upon any other class of goods, are is no temptation to introduce an inferior quality of drugs, is department is managed by a gentleman thoroughly alified by examination to dispense, and the public may rely on the greatest care being exercised in dispensing, as well upon the purity of the drugs sold."

BEECHAM'S PILLS IN PENNY BOXES.—ALLEGED FRAUD. the local police court on Friday, January 6, Richard echam Pritchard, an elderly man, described as "a chemist," is charged with obtaining money by selling pills which he presented to be genuine Beecham's pills, whereas they were urious and of no value. Mr. Marks, who appeared to osecute on behalf of the police, said this man was booked der the name of Thomas Davis, but he believed the real me was Pritchard, and it would be better to have the oper name on the books. The prisoner obtained 2s. 3d. om a Mr. Alfred Breddy, who kept a shop at 32 Great omer Street. It would no doubt be within the knowledge the court that there was a firm named Beecham & Son, ho advertised very largely; indeed, it must be within the nowledge of everybody that they advertised Beecham's ills, and from the extent of their advertisements one would nagine it was a very prosperous concern, and the prisoner ad endeavoured to take a share in the prosperity without ne knowledge of the proprietors. It seemed that he had een a chemist and druggist, or something of that kind, and bout four months ago he went to the shop of Mr. Breddy nd saw his wife. The prisoner opened a parcel, and took ut from it a card having affixed to it eighteen boxes of ills, and he offered to sell the card for a shilling, and he tated that they were Beecham's pills.

Mr. Raffles: I remember the case under a warrant.

Mr. Marks: His worship would remember that the inormant stated that the husband then came in, and he
uppeared to have had some suspicion about the matter, as he
usked the prisoner if they were genuine Beecham's pills, and
use said they were, and a shilling was given to him for the
urd. Some months afterwards the prisoner went again,
and offered a card with twenty-four boxes on it for 1s. 3d.,
and he again said they were genuine Beecham's pills. The
urisoner denied it, but there was the testimony of Mr. and
Mrs. Breddy, and it was shown that Mr. Breddy had some
uspicion, as he asked the prisoner to put his name on the
urd, and he wrote his name as Thomas Davis, 9 Sarah
Street. The prisoner falsely pretended that these were
genuine Beecham's pills. It was proposed to ask for a
remand, because there were about fifty cases, and it was
desirable to prove more than one case.

Alfred Breddy said he kept a shop at 32 Great Homer Street. He remembered seeing the prisoner in his shop, and being engaged in some transaction with his (witness's) wife, selling some pills. Witness asked him a question about them, whether they were genuine Beecham's pills, and he distinctly said "Yes," and witness paid for them, believing what was said. That was the first occasion. It was the first card that he asked the prisoner to write his name upon, as he had some doubt about the matter. He asked the

prisoner to write his name and address on the card so that he might be able to send for more if he wanted them.

Mrs. Breddy, wife of the last witness, stated that she remembered the prisoner coming to her shop on the first occasion, and he asked her to buy some pills—Beecham's pills at a penny a box. As she was buying them her husband came in and asked him if they were genuine Beecham's pills, of St. Helens, and he said they were.

Walter Robert Andrews said he was manager for Thomas Beecham & Son, proprietors of Beecham's pills, and their business place was at Westfield Street, St. Helens. The prisoner was not an agent for the firm, and had no connection with them whatever. The pills produced were not made by Beecham & Son, and the firm did not make them up in that style. The card was a forgery. The price of the genuine Beecham pills was $1s. 1\frac{1}{2}d$. per box. No person was allowed to sell such pills. He had had numerous complaints from all parts of the country of a person assuming the name

of Beecham and selling pills on a card.

Detective-constable Lamothe deposed to having approhended the prisoner in Walton workhouse, when he said, "I plead not guilty, and will tell Mr. Raffles what I have got to

The prisoner said he was a chemist in reality, and had kept a shop in Everton. When he disposed of the shop about two years ago he had some patent medicines left—about nine boxes—and as he could not dispose of them he put them in small boxes and sold them, and what he sold were genuine Beecham's pills.

The prisoner was then remanded for seven days.

Mr. Malkin watched the case on behalf of Messrs. Beecham

MANCHESTER.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.—On Wednesday evening the first of a series of twelve lectures on chemical engineering was given at the Technical School by Mr. G. E. Davies, late Government inspector of alkali works. The lectures are intended specially for those connected with chemical, bleaching, dyeing, calico printing, and paper works. Mr. W. Mather, head of the well-known engineering firm of Mather & Platt, presided, and there was a fair attendance.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

BRISK BUSINESS.—A chemist in one of the Tyneside towns in the course of a conversation with a representative of a Newcastle daily paper, is said to have made some unintentional revelations as to the manner in which the New Year's holidays are observed in his neighbourhood. He is generally kept pretty hard at work in extracting teeth, but on the day after the New Year came in he passed on all cases of "tewthwark" to a rival practitioner, in order that he might have time to supply lotion for black eyes, to attend to bruised faces, and to sew up gaping wounds. From the time of taking down his shutters to the time of putting them up again he was kept so well employed that he had to take his refreshment whilst standing on his feet.

SAD DEATH OF A DOCTOR.—An inquest was held at Bedlington on Tuesday, into the circumstances of the death of Dr. Peter Henry McLaren, of Bebside Furnace. On Sunday night Benjamin McLaren, engineer, Heddon Colliery, a brother of deceased, visited him, and before he left, at about a quarter to eight o'clock, deceased poured about two drachms of syrup of chloral into a tumbler and took it. The house-keeper looked into the room about a quarter-past eight, and found him lying back in his chair dead. Dr. James McLaren, brother of deceased, was of opinion that death was owing to syncope, the result of taking an overdose of chloral. There was nothing whatever to lead to the supposition that his brother took chloral for the purpose of destroying his life, as when he last saw him he was in the best of spirits. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

RATING OF CHEMICAL WORKS.—The chemical works of H. L. Pattinson & Co., Felling, which have come into possession of the Liberator Building Society of London, who were mortgagees for 60,000%, were rated at 5,170% net annual value. An appeal against this rating has just been decided by Mr. Ridley, of Newcastle, barrister, to whom it was

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referred. The building society have never carried on the business of chemical manufacturers, but have been dismantling the works, and have also been paid a sum of 7,000% for a period of years in consideration of their not manufacturing certain chemicals. Originally the society contended that they were not beneficial occupiers, rateable as regards either their possession or the receipt of the subsidy of 7,000l. Ultimately, after some earlier appeal to the sessions, this point was abandoned, and the question remained what was the rateable value, assuming the building society to have been occupiers. Mr. Ridley's award is that as regards the assessment made on October 26, 1886, the sum of 5,717l., the gross estimated rental of the chemical works, be reduced to 1,235l., and the sum of 4,408l., stated as their rateable value, be reduced to 1,050%.

NORWICH.

TESTIMONIAL.—A silver salver with a suitable inscription was presented last week to Mr. J. C. Pentney, chemist and druggist, by his brothers of Court Nelson, A.O.F., as a recognition of their esteem and an acknowledgment of his services in the cause of Forestry.

SHEFFIELD.

LEAD-POISONING.—One of the Sheffield dailies has taken upon itself the duty of calling public attention to the dangers of storing acid water in leaden cisterns. It seems that one of the "interviewer" species had, in the course of conversa-tion with a local analyst, gleaned from him the information that he had lately had some water analysed from a certain house in a fashionable suburb. The water contained something like half a grain of lead to the gallon, and in this way the family doctor was able to trace the illness which had for some time existed among the members of the household in question. The result was a long article, and, of course, a host of letters next day, with a general revival of the "lead scare." The writer of the article in question shows his ignorance of chemistry by recommending "sulpho-hydrate of ammonium" as a ready test for lead; his error is pointed out by one of the correspondents. Apart from newspaper scares there is no doubt that the water from "Redmires" reservoir is distinctly acid. Whether the acid is "organic" (as is generally supposed) or otherwise matters little. That it acts on lead is proved by the fact that it is only "Redmires" water that shows traces of lead, the water from the other reservoirs being quite free. The matter was well threshed out between the late water company and the Corporation last year in the House of Lords, and it now remains for the Corporation to show their public spirit by "neutralising" the water. It is interesting to know that lead is entirely removed by passing the water through a good charcoal filter. Experiment proves this beyond question. The revival of the scare should therefore increase the sale of filters for the time.

PHARMACEUTICAL AND CHEMICAL SOCIETY.—The ordinary monthly meeting of this Society was held on Wednesday night in the Society's rooms. After Mr. Newsholme had introduced to the meeting Mr. W. II. Massey, the new President, a paper was read by Mr. John Humphrey, on 'The Future of Pharmacy.' After some references to evolution generally, Mr. Humphrey went on to show that the progress of pharmacy had been in the direction of specialising; and as he was of opinion that further progress was but a part of one process, he took it that future development would be in the same direction. He believed that there was good reason for assuming that the services of the pharmacist would become more and more indispensable, and he himself be a far from unimportant factor in the world's progress. He then proceeded in a happy manner to detail the advancement of the pharmacist, and laid it down as a necessary thing that there should be required of apprentices much more extended elementary education than is now demanded of them, including the beginnings of all the subjects now found of service by advanced pharmaeists. Then the terms of pupilage should be considerably modified, and greater care taken to train the youth aright. The essayist did not appear to be in favour of compulsory examinations. He thought less stress should be laid upon them, and that a voluntary examination in practical phar-

macy and dispensing should be passed by assistants, and that principals should decline the services of all not so qualified. On the other hand, he thought that every established pharmacist should be accomplished in analysis and science generally. After referring to the work of the Pharmaceutical Society, proposing that local associations should be federated to it, and that there should be a reform of titles, Mr. Humphrey concluded by deprecating the folly of depending upon any external agency for protection, and urging pharmacists to help themselves—to be true to each other, and trust patiently to see the future of pharmacy

After the reading of the paper, which was frequently applauded, a somewhat animated discussion took place. The President was not quite at one with the author in all his opinions. He thought English pharmacists, like their German brethren, ought to have a certain amount of protection, and he could not see any irregularity in apprentices and unqualified assistants selling scheduled poisons under the supervision. of their principals. Mr. Ellinor quite agreed with the idea of federation, and saw no reason why there should not be a Sheffield branch as well as a North British branch of the Pharmaceutical Society. He also spoke strongly in favour of education, and urged young men to take advantage of it.

Mr. Appleton thought that pharmacy would take some time to eatch up with Mr. Humphrey's ideal.

Mr. Newsholme said he had come to the meeting expecting to pick some holes in Mr. Humphrey's paper, but he had found absolutely nothing he could not agree with. He thought with Mr. Humphrey that there was more room for pharmacists now than at any past time, and that they might still look forward to a brilliant future. He used the word "pharmacists" as distinguished from mere drug vendors. Parliament would never be induced to legislate for the protection of the latter. The whole strength of pharmacists lay in their education, and they must recognise the fact that they cannot be too well educated.

Mr. Grierson thought the moral of the whole paper wasthat young pharmacists, being still in the "plastic" stage, should do their best to educate themselves, and that fully developed pharmaeists should be in the first place honest, and in the next self-reliant. The possessor of these qualities in a high degree must necessarily, he thought, be an ideal pharmacist, and given a majority of ideal pharmacists, a brilliant future for pharmacy was assured. Mr. Humphrey's theories were founded on historical data and governed by natural laws, so that he could scarcely controvert them.

Mr. Haining thought the Pharmaceutical Society should do something to prevent unqualified men holding dispenserships.

in public institutions.

Mr. Humphrey, in replying, said that German pharmacists, if afforded protection by the State, had the most minute details of their tariff controlled by the same, and had everything arranged for them in a manner which no Englishman would stand. He did not object to unqualified assistants selling poisons, but merely wished to point out the uselessness of legal restrictions when law-promoters broke their own laws... He held that monopolies were not justifiable, and objected to an enforced curriculum. Individual effort would accomplish all that was needed in this direction.

After the announcement of some donations the following: gentlemen were elected associates:-Messrs. Cox, Twelves,

Lancaster, Reckless, jun., Martin, H. T. Fox.

WORKINGTON.

CHARGE AGAINST A CHEMIST.—At the Workington Petty Sessions last week, an application was made on behalf of Mr. William Bowness, chemist and druggist, Workington, for an adjournment of two cases brought against him by the police for alleged drunkenness and assaulting the police on December 29 last. It appears that at four o'clock on the morning in question Mr. Bowness was returning from a cardparty when Sergeant Reed set upon him, and in the strugglewhich ensued Mr. Bowness got his face bruised. Sergeant Reed's statement was that Mr. Bowness was drunk, and was the assailing party, but the evidence brought by Mr. Bowness's solicitor showed that he was sober, and "not at all in a fighting mood." After hearing the evidence, the bench said it was so contradictory that they would dismiss both casesagainst Mr. Bowness.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN.

CITY HOSPITAL.—A new pavilion has been added to the Epidemic Hospital at a cost of 1,062*l*.

CHEMISTS' REUNION.—The Aberdeen chemists' assistants and apprentices held there annual reunion in the lecture room, Albert Hall, last week. After tea a short musical programme was gone through, and subsequently the hall was cleared for dancing, which was kept up with enthusiasm until an early hour.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—The annual collection for the Royal Infirmary was held in most of the city churches on New Year's Day, the sum total collected being about 800%. Aberdeen led the van in this movement, the first collection having been made in 1764. The 30,000%. Jubilee Extension Fund has now reached 26,166%.

CONTRAVENTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1867.—A. Fraser, jun., son of A. Fraser, chemist, Kennethmont, was charged in the police court on January 4 with having wilfully exposed himself while suffering from scarlet fever in Rosemount Place, Aberdeen, by entering a cab there and driving to the Joint Station, and then walking amongst the people. This he had done after being warned as to his liability to prosecution by the medical officer. The magistrate imposed a fine of 21s., with 11. 1s. 3d. of expenses, or ten days' imprisonment.

EDINBURGH.

DR. W. INGLIS CLARK is to be one of the contributors to the new edition of "Chambers's Encyclopædia," which is in course of preparation. He is announced to write on the subjects of "Alkaloids" and "Analysis," and we understand that he will have a hand in the editing of chemical matters generally.

MR. D. B. DOTT, F.R.S.E., has accepted an engagement with Messrs. Duncan, Flockhart & Co., manufacturing chemists, Canongate. He will take charge, in conjunction with Dr. Inglis Clark, of the experimental and research laboratories of the firm, as Dr. Clark will now devote the whole of his time to the manufacturing departments.

THE UNIVERSITY CHAIR OF BOTANY.—The names of Professor Bayley Balfour, Oxford, Professor Bower, Glasgow, and Professor M'Nab, Belfast, are mentioned as the most likely candidates for the vacant chair of botany in the university. It is understood that two of the leading Kew officials will offer themselves as candidates. The curators will meet in about ten days to decide upon the preliminary arrangements.

ROYAL SOCIETY.—At a special meeting held on December 6, Mr. J. T. Bottomley exhibited and described an improved constant-volume air thermometer. Mr. Bottomley said the object of the modifications he had effected was to improve the accuracy and adaptability, and increase the range of the instrument. With this view he found it advisable to use the thermometer and gauge separate from the manometric part of the instrument, or joined to it only by a flexible connection.

THE word "store" appears to have a seductive and delusive effect on certain members of the public. Recently a store opened a few doors from Mr. Blank's establishment. He, to be in the fashion, called his place the several-adjectived store. An occasional customer of his, in search of the new shop, is seduced by the word "store," and drops into Blank's. On getting what she wanted at the usual price, she remarked, "Oh, how cheap you are! Mr. Blank used to eharge me ever so much more!"

THERE has not been a meeting in connection with the Price-list Committee this winter. This is significant of the prevailing state of affairs, so far as prices are concerned. The committee, however, was appointed by a general meeting of the trade in Edinburgh and Leith, and it has been remarked in several quarters that they ought to report to a general meeting and then, if necessary, go into retirement. Even although no business of the kind, strictly belonging to the committee, were done, yet a talk over affairs might be useful, and it would at any rate tend to maintain the friendly

feeling which, so far, has characterised the members of the trade in the district.

OF private price-lists there appears to be no limit. They are circulating freely at present in all quarters of the city and suburbs. Some contain prices for drugs as well as patents; others contain prices for patents only. A collection of them forms curious and entertaining reading. One point on which all are more or less alike is the dispensing department. They all contain, in their preface, a eulogistic reference to it. After a description of the purity of the drugs used and the care bestowed on compounding, one firm says their charges are much below those of chemists; a second, who advertises himself as a chemist by examination, says his prices are not those of Edinburgh chemists; a third, with a shade more dignity, says his prices will be as moderate as is consistent with the employment of skill in the department.

BETWEEN the prices which are current now and those which were obtained during the last twenty years no comparison can be fairly made. At present some articles afford a fair profit, while others are cut down so as to scarcely pay for the paper in which they are wrapped. The present state of prices is characterised by an utter want of uniformity.

THE disappearance of the price-list, although to be regretted in some respects, is not perhaps such a calamity as at first consideration might appear. There was always a certain tyranny about it that was a restraint to anyone who was not chained to use and wont. It is to be hoped that there will not be a general rush into undignified lowering of prices. There are already evidences of a reaction against cutting. We hear of customers returning from their patronage of the cheap shops to those where a stand is made for quality, not lowness of price. The times are treacherous, and caution is required in steering one's way.

GLASGOW.

MEDICAL CLUBS. — A movement is on foot for the formation of medical associations in this city, similar to the working men's clubs of England.

SUDDEN DEATH IN A CHEMIST'S SHOP.—Last week a man about 35 years of age entered the shop of Mr. Thomas Adams, chemist, 440 St. Vincent Street, and asked for a pcwder. While he was being served he suddenly dropped down and expired, heart disease being the immediate cause of death.

PRESCRIPTION PRICES.—Mr. Charles T. Cockburn, one of the cutting chemists of this town, is advertising that during last year prescriptions dispensed at his stores were supplied to the public for the sum of $762l.\ 15s.\ 4d.$, the total value of which, he says, was 2,538l. He gives no indication how he arrives at this latter figure.

The British Medical Association will hold its annual meeting here this year on August 7 to 10 inclusive. The general meetings and meetings of the sections are to be held in the various class-rooms of the university, Gilmorehill. Professor W. T. Gairdner is the president elect, and several of his colleagues on the university staff have been selected to deliver addresses. Dr. James Morton is to be the president of the section of pharmacology and therapeutics.

Society of Chemical Industry.—A meeting of the Scottish section was held in the Philosophical Hall on Tuesday, Mr. J. J. Coleman presiding. A paper on "The Action of Water on Lead," by Professor Carnelley and Mr. W. Frew, was read by the latter, in which the results of various experiments in connection with the laying of lead pipes for the water supply of towns were described, and the action of different chemicals on the metal explaine l. Loch Katrine water was found to be unusually corrosive, and its introduction into Glasgow had led to a series of useful experiments. In almost all cases it was found that corrosion was much greater when the pipes were exposed to the air than when the air was excluded. Several other papers were read.

INFERIOR DRUGS.—At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday, the sanitary inspector submitted a report in which he stated that urgent complaints had lately been made by medical practitioners regarding the useless, and in some instances harmful, character of certain drugs and

ointments, and in consequence he had obtained and submitted to the analyst certain samples. Upon a sample of zinc ointment the analyst reported that it contained only doubtful traces of benzoic acid, and only 12·2 per cent. of oxide of zinc. The sample yielded no crystals of benzoic acid, but gave evidence of its presence on treatment with perchloride of iron. A sample of sweet spirit of nitre was very deficient in nitrous other, giving not quite twice its volume of nitric oxide gas (five volumes gave 9.8 volumes of gas). The inspector added that he believed the quality of these and other drugs at present foisted on the public is very inferior and far beneath the British Pharmacopæia standards. In the view that many medical men must be held legally responsible for those who are mixing and dispensing drugs and ointments in their dispensaries, although they themselves may not be cognisant of any inferiority or adulteration, it might serve the interests of the public meantime if in these cases a public notice was taken of them, and a warning given. Dr. Wilson, in the course of a discussion on the report, said that there was no standard in regard to some of those medicines, and with regard to spirit of nitre, it could never be kept for any time at the strength which was prescribed by the authorities.

THURSO.

CATTLE-POISONING.—On January 6 a strange case was reported by a small farmer in the vicinity of Thurso, to the effect that three of his cattle were found dead in the morning in the byre. He suspects that the cause of death will be found in the oil-cake with which the animals were being fed, from the fact that a cat and some ducks which atc of the same material were also found dead in the morning.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

The following are the questions which were given on Tuesday, January 10, 1888, one hour and a half being allowed for each subject:-

LATIN.

- I. (For all Candidates.) Translate into Latin:
- 1. I had taught the man's son.
- 2. He cannot but send an ambassador to you.
- 3. What prevents your doing this?
- 4. Those very beautiful books, which were given to my brother by his master, have been lost.
- 5. The war being ended, those who had come to the banks of the river began to return home.
- II. Translate into English either A. (Caesar) or B. (Virgil).

(Candidates must not attempt both authors.)

A. CLESAR.

1. Hoc proelio facto, reliquas copias Helvetiorum ut consequi posset, pontem in Arare faciendum curat atque ita exercitum transducit. Helvetii, repentino cjus adventu commoti, quum id, quod ipsi diebus viginti aegerrime confeccrant, ut flumen transirent, illum uno dic fecisse intelligerent, legatos ad eum mittunt; cujus legationis Divico princeps fuit, qui bello Cassiano dux Helvetiorum fuerat. Is ita cum Caesare egit; si pacem populus Romanus cum Helvetiis faceret, in eam partem ituros atque ibi futuros Helvetios, ubi cos Caesar constituisset atque esse voluisset.

2. Dum haec in colloquio geruntur, Caesari nuntiatum est equites Ariovisti propius tumulum accedere, et ad nostros adequitare, lapides telaque in nostros conjicere. loquendi finem facit, seque ad suos recepit, suisque imperavit ne quod omnino telum in hostes rejicerent. Nam etsi sine ullo periculo legionis delectae cum equitatu proelium fore videbat, tamen committendum non putabat, ut, pulsis hostibus, divi posset eos ab se per fidem in colloquio circumventos.

Grammatical Questions.

(For those only who take Caesar.)

1. Decline, in full, uno die, cujus legationis, cam partem. (Par. 1.)

- 2. Give the principal parts of the verbs in italies. (Par. 2.) 3. Parse, fully, faciendum, commoti, acgerrime, transirent, ituros. (Par. 1.)
- 4. Give some rules, with examples, for the use of the subjunctive mood.

B. VIRGIL.

- Et jam finis erat ; quum Jupiter aethere snmmo Despiciens mare velivolum, terrasque jacentes, Litoraque, et latos populos, sie vertice coeli Constitit, et Libyae defixit lumina regnis. Atque illum, tales jactantem pectore curas, Tristior et lacrimis oculos suffusa nitentes, Alloquitur Venns: O, qui res hominumque Deumque Aeternis regis imperiis, et fulmine terres, Ouid meus Aeneas in te committere tantum, Quid Troës potuere, quibus, tot finnera passis, Cunctus ob Italiam terrarum clauditur orbis?
- Rex erat Aeneas nobis, quo justior alter Nec pietate fuit, nee bello major et armis; Quem si fata virum servant, si vescitur aura Aetherea, neque adhuc crudelibus occubat umbris, Non metus, officio ne te certasse priorem Poeniteat. Sunt et Siculis regionibus urbes, Arvaque, Trojanoque a sanguine clarus Acestes.

Grammatical Questions.

(For those only who take Virgil.)

- 1. Decline in full, aethere summo, mare velivolum, meus Aeneas. (Par. 1.)
- 2. Give the principal parts of the verbs in italics. (Par. 1.) 3. Parse, fully, quo, quem, certasse, poeniteat, clarus. (Par. 2.)
- 4. Give some rules, with examples, for the use of the sub junctive mood.

ARITHMETIC.

- 1. What is the difference between the daily income of two men who receive respectively 250l. and 720l. a year?
- 2. If 2 cwt. 1 qr., costing 3l. 5s. per cwt., and $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., at 4½ guineas per cwt., be mixed together, what is the value of a pound of the mixture?
- 3. If $\frac{2}{3}$ of a business be worth 440l, what is the value of $\frac{3}{4}$ of it?

 4. Divide 2.499 by .00525; and find the value of 1.045 of 5l. 7s. 6d.
- 5. A cask of liquid weighs 417 kilog. 170 gr.; the cask weighs 1 kilog. 17 décag. Find the value of the liquid, at $2s. 2\frac{1}{3}d.$ per kilog.
- 6. A bankrupt, whose effects are worth 201*l.*, owes his creditors 133*l.*, 212*l.*, and 325*l.*, respectively; what will each receive?
- 7. A person pays one tax of 10d. in the pound, and another of 5 per cent. on his income. His remaining income is 545l. What is his gross income?

ENGLISH.

1. Analyse the following sentence:-

Though inly chafed at this delay, Lord Marmion bears it as he may. The Palmer, his mysterious guide, Beholding thus his place supplied, Songht to take leave in vain.

2. Parse fully the following sentence:

He stepped before the Monarch's chair, And stood with rustic plainness there.

- 3. Correct the following sentences, giving your reasons:— (i.) The King with the Lords and Commons form the Legislature.
 - (ii.) Did he not confess his fault and begged to be forgiven?
 - (iii.) Can England spare such men as him?
 - (iv.) The logical and historical analysis of a language often coincides.
- 4. In the following passage supply the necessary capital letters, and put in the stops and inverted commas where requisite: -at their head rode a man in years, whose lorg

white hair escaped from his plumed cap and mingled with ais venerable beard how is this said the chief reining in his steed young rienzi the youth looked up as he heard that voice and then flung himself before the steed of the old noble and clasping his hands cried out in a scarce articulate tone it is my brother noble stephen a boy a mere child the best the mildest see how his blood dabbles the grass.

5. Give a short biography of some distinguished English writer; or, describe some town with which you are familiar;

or, some journey you have taken.

Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland.

THE monthly meeting of the Council was held on January 4. Present—the President, Mr. J. E. Brunker, M.A., in the chair, Messrs. Wells, Beggs, Hayes, Grindley, McCormack, Allen, Simpson, and Charles Evans.

THE CALENDAR WRONG.

The Registrar read the following letter:

Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle. December 10, 1887.

Sir,-Referring to your letter of November 4, I am directed to state that upon consideration of the memorial of Mr. R. T. Downes in respect to the election of the treasurer and registrar of your Society, it appears that the Order in Council of January 26, 1876, is in accordance with his view and the law, and that the regulation on the subject as given in the Society's ealendar, p. 44, has been altered so as to appear to apply to the election of these officers at the annual meeting of the Society. It also appears that the sequence of the regulations as given in the calendar, pp. 42 to 60, do not in many eases coincide with the regulations which were approved by the Orders in Council of January 26, 1876, and February 15 and November 12, 1877. I am accordingly to transmit herewith copies of the abovementioned Orders in Conneil, and to request that you will be so good as to submit the same to the Council of your Society, and favour me for the information of the Privy Council with some explanation of the diserepancies between the Orders in Conneil and the regulations as they appear in the calendar of the Society. I am, &e.,

W. R. B. KATE.

The PRESIDENT: We have not been at all aware that the by-laws have been appearing in our calendars in a totally different order from that in which they appeared in the Dublin Gazette as sanctioned by the Privy Council. On going back through the calendars, I found that they have been printed in the same order since 1876, so that our very first calendar contained those discrepancies. As you were a member of the original council, Mr. Hayes, do you remember who edited the first calendar?

Mr. HAYES: Dr. Aquila Smith edited them all through, but I do not know anything about the discrepancies.

Mr. Allen: There have been serious alterations in some

places.

The PRESIDENT: The present case is one in point. The original by-law, No. 12, under the head "Meetings of Council," provided that the "election of treasurer, registrar, clerk, or other officers should be by open voting," &c. In the calendars that regulation has appeared under the heading of "annual meetings." So that, while we thought we were right in resisting Mr. Downes's contention under the regulations as they appeared in the calendar, he was right according to the regulations as they had been sanctioned by the Privy Council. The only explanation we can give to the Privy Council is that we were quite unaware of these discrepancies, which shall be remedied in the forthcoming calendar. Mr. Allen has taken a great deal of trouble to make our regulations correspond with those originally sanctioned by the Privy Council in 1875, and has added in their proper order the regulations which have been sanctioned

A Member: How long is it since Dr. Aquila Smith gave up

editing the calendar?

The President: Five or six years. Mr. Fennell edited the last two calendars before he himself left the employment of the Society.

Mr. ALLEN: I have found the regulations published in 1876, and they coincided with those passed by the Privy Council. It seems an extraordinary thing to have altered the sequence.

Mr. SIMPSON: What year was it done in?

The PRESIDENT: In the original calendar as published in

Mr. BEGGS moved that the Registrar be directed to inform the clerk of the Privy Council that the Council of the Society were unaware of the differences in sequence between the regulations as published in the Gazette and in their calendars, and that these would be set right in the forthcoming edition.

Mr. GRINDLEY seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter from the secretary of the Pharmacy Board of New Zealand acknowledged the receipt of a copy of the Society's calendar.

Letters were read from Mr. Harry C. Draper and Dr. Whitla thanking the Council for having re-elected them examiners.

A letter was read from Mr. J. C. C. Payne, of Belfast, stating that, as he found difficulty in attending the meeting. of the Law Committee, he felt obliged to resign his membership of that committee.

On the motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Simpson, it was resolved that Mr. Payne should be requested to reconsider his resignation.

EVENING MEETINGS.

The President requested all the members of the Council to do what they could to promote the evening meetings which were proposed to be held, and to provide materials Mr. Carter Draper had undertaken to act as secretary, and was endeavouring to get pharmacists to read papers or supply exhibits. Up to the present, however, the amount of support received had been most discouraging. The year before last, after the evening meetings had been once started, they succeeded very well. The Vice-President once started, they succeeded very well. The Vice-President had plenty of materials to supply, but desired to see others coming forward first. Mr. Draper had hoped to be in a position to issue summonses for the first meeting next week, but had not yet received sufficient promise of support, although he had written numerous pressing letters.

DONATIONS.

Donations were received of strophanthus and its preparations from Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co, and from THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST of their Diary for 1888.

On the motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Hayes, thanks were voted to the donors.

THE REGISTER.

A report was read from the registrar in reference tomembers of the Society whose names had been struck off the roll in consequence of their not having answered letters according to the statute.

The President remarked that of course those gentlemen did not lose their licences, but they could not get on the register of the Society again without paying a fee, or by the special leave of the Council.

Some financial and law business having been disposed of, the Council adjourned.

RESULTS OF THE JANUARY EXAMINATIONS OF THE Society.—Passed Preliminary Candidates: Messrs. Alister, Cunningham, Enright, Nesbitt, Suche, Wright; six failed. Passed Licence Candidates: Messrs. Drapes, Hill, O'Sullivan, Smith; four failed.

To DETECT traces of aldehyd in alcohol evaporate toabout one fifth of the original volume, and pour the residue into a white porcelain evaporating-dish. Then pour under it, through a funnel, the orifice of which rests upon the bottom of the dish, a solution of diphenylene-diamine hydrochlorate. The yellow colour formed at the zone of contact of the two liquids disappears on the addition of alkalies and re-appears on acidulating the liquid.

FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

Dr. CAZENEUVE, professor of chemistry and toxicology at the Lyons Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, met a few days ago with a painful accident. While he was experimenting with a new compound his retort exploded, and a piece of glass lodged in his eyc. He was immediately attended to, but it is not known yet whether his eye may be preserved or not.

"JOURNAL DER PHARMACIE VON ELSASS-LOTHRINGEN" is the new name of the familiar Journal de Pharmacie d'Alsace-Lorraine. All the announcements, headings, &c., are also in the German language, the French translation only appearing underneath, or further on. The change, it appears, has been made in obedience to gentle hints from head-quarters; it began with the present January number.

Pasteur's Institute is rapidly approaching completion; the mason work is finished, and men are busy with the inside fitting, painting, &c., which are expected to be perfected by the beginning of the coming summer, when the ouildings will be formally inaugurated. Then Pasteur, with his attending physicians and chemists—he is himself simply a chemist, not a doctor of medicine-will move, together with the patients, to their own property. They are now paying to the Paris municipality 10,000f. rent for a piece of ground of 2.500 square metres, while the new grounds measure 11,030. The new institute will consist of two distinct buildings; one with a frontage of 40 metres facing the Rue Dutot will be the more ornamental, although built in the rather severe Louis XIII. style. The other, 60 metres front, intended for public consultations, will open on the Rue des Fourneaux, and covered galleries will connect the two. Over two million francs having so far been contributed towards the erection and maintenance of the institute, there seems to be no fear of starvation, and no need of asking favours of the Paris Municipal Council.

THE PARIS SOCIETY OF PHARMACY held their annual meeting on January 4, and, as usual, devoted most of the time of a lengthy sitting to the installation of new officers, and the reading of addresses, reports, and obituaries. As THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST at the time of their occurrence, it is no doubt unnecessary to recall them now. most societies like to listen to an eloquent review of the labours performed during the year, and no self-respecting secretary would retire without delivering the expected oration. Outgoing Secretary Thibault did not neglect this duty, after the new officers had duly addressed the meeting on being installed. The board for this year is as follows:— President, M. Delpech; vice-president, Professor Bouchardat; perpetual secretary, Professor Planchon; annual secretary, M. Bourquelot. After a report by M. Schaueffele on several prize medals to be awarded, M. Beauregard read an interesting paper on the "Metamorphoses of Vesicating Insects," relating several new and original observations just made by him on the habits of these singular creatures. Having received in June from a place near Avignon some living specimens of a variety of blistering fly, he had observed them in a cage provided with earth to represent the ground. The insects having copulated, the females with their mandibles bored holes in the earth, and deposited there some eighty or one hundred eggs, after which they carefully filled up the cavity and obliterated all traces outside that might indicate the presence of their offspring. On hatching, the young insects feed first on the eggs of apteræ, and next on honey, changing form several times, until all of a sudden the perfect insect flies out in the air. M. Beauregard thinks the mystery surrounding an iusect known so long is owing to the fact that four-fifths of the life of the creature is spent under ground, very deep, and under a form quite dissimilar from its familiar appearance, when it bursts forth in countless swarms, quite unexpectedly. M. Beauregard's account of his raising and feeding the insects to the perfect state in artificial soil was very instructive, only it had the disad-rantage of coming near the end of a sitting unusually protracted.

Gazette.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

- COLEMAN & FEARNS, Armley and Wortley, general medical practitioners.
- FROST & BROWN, Birmingham, Stechford, and Yardley, surgeons.
- GOODALL & Co, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, oil merchants; as far as regards H. J. Vasey.
- LAMBERT, L., & FOLEY, E., under the style of Lewis, Southsea, Southampton; Westbourne Grove, London; and Birmingham, dentists.
- MAY, ROBERTS & Co., Clerkenwell Road, wholesale chemists' sundriesmen; as far as regards F. Sykes.
- MEYER, M. R., & Co., Mincing Lane, merchants; as far as regards D. Hildesheim.
- PURNELL & RISDON, Wells, surgeons.
- RITSON & GLOVER, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, homœopathic chemists.
- Schofield, J., & Son, Pontefract and Castleford, veterinary surgeons.
- Wheatcroft, N. G., & Dalton, G. (under the style of the Buxton Mineral-water Co.), Buxton, mineral-water manufacturers.
- WIGG BROTHERS & STEEL, Runcorn, copper extractors and alkali manufacturers; as far as regards C. Wigg.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883.

ADJUDICATION.

GOUGH, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Middlesborough, wholesale druggist, manufacturing confectioner, and drysalter.

FIRST MEETING AND PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

BAILEY, JOSEPH, Brentor, Devonshire, Altarnun, Cornwall, Wearde Quarry, near Saltash; Millbay Docks, Plymouth; and Camplehay, near Tavistock, mine proprietor and manganese merchant. First meeting, Jan. 20, 18 Frankfort Street, Plymouth. Public examination, Jan. 27, County Court, East Stonchouse.

NOTICES OF DIVIDENDS.

- CARTER, GEORGE ROE, Anerley Road, Anerley, Penge, physician and surgeon. First and final div. of 4s. $4\frac{3}{4}d$., Jan. 23, or any subsequent Monday, Ash Lea, Croydon Road, Anerley, Penge.
- PRATT, HENRY JAMES, York, chemist and druggist. First and final div. of 13s. $5\frac{1}{4}d$., Jan. 16, Official Receiver's office, York.
- SKENE, WILLIAM, West Bromwich, surgeon and doctor of medicine. First and final div. of 8d., Jan. 16, 25 Colmore Row, Birmingham.
- WILCOCKS, NATHANIEL GEORGE, Bath, soda-water machinist and engineer. Second and final div. of 2s. 3\frac{3}{4}d., any day, Mr. E. T. Collins's, 39 Broad Street, Bristol.

RECEIVING ORDER.

SADLER, JESSE JOHNSON, Walsden, Lancashire, valetta, ammonia, and chemical manufacturer.

ORDER MADE ON APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE.

DUGDALE, EDWIN, Liverpool (trading as the Liverpool and North and South Wales Panacea Beer and Beverage Manufactory), panacea beer, beverage, and mineralwater manufacturer and dealer. Discharge suspended for twelve calendar months.

EXAMINATION (SCOTLAND).

RANNIE, C. J., & Co., drysalters, 105 Virginia Place, Glasgow, and Christopher James Rannie, drysalter, 105 Virginia Place there, the sole partner of said firm, as such partner, and as an individual. To be examined in Sheriff Guthrie's chambers, County Buildings, Glasgow, Jan. 16, at 11 o'clock,

PREDIGESTED FOOD.

The Claims of Dr. Dobell, Consulting Physician, late Senior Physician to the Royal Hospital for Discoses of the Chest, London, to be the originator of Pre-digested Peptonised or Pancreatised Foods, which now play so important a rôle in the relief and cure of reasting diseases. The Competition for the Barbier Prize of the French Academy of Medicine.

THE conditions of the Barbier Prize are as follows:—"Ce prix, qui est annuel, sera décerné à celui qui aura découvert des moyens complets de guérison pour les maladies reconnues incurables, comme la rage, le cancer, l'épilepsie, les scrofules, le typhus, le choléra morbus," &c. And, in the event of no mémoire completely attaining the somewhat Utopian end proposed, "Des encouragements pourront être accordés à ceux qui, sans avoir atteint le but indiqué dans le programme, s'en serront le plus rapprochés." In the competition for 1887 eleven memoirs, or works, were submitted to the Academy, of which two were on the prevention and cure of "La Rage," and in the opinion of the Academy the work of "M. Galtier, Professeur à l'École vétérinaire de Lyon," so nearly answered the conditions stated by the founder of the prize that they have awarded it to him.

Below we print an abstract of an essay sent in by Dr. Dobell, which has an historic interest in connection with the use of the popular form of peptonisation and pancreatisation of foods. It will be seen that Dr. Dobell's contribution did not treat directly of any of the special "incurable diseases" specified in conditions of the prize. In presence of others more exactly responding to the conditions of the prize this treatise was, therefore, naturally hors concours; but as it will appear that Dr. Dobell's purpose in competing was to challenge criticism on the claims which he has set forth, we propose to assist him in this object by the publication of this

abstract. Dr. Dobell says :-

"The idea of submitting foods to the influence of the digestive juices before introducing them into the stomach was originated by me, and first satisfactorily carried out by me in the form of pancreatised or pre-digested fat, called by me 'Pancreatic Emulsion of Fat,' iin 1863. (See (1) Dr. Dobell's work on 'Tuberculosis,' 1866; (2) his paper on 'The Action of Pancreatine upon Fat,' Brit. Med. Journ., November, 1880, and (3) a letter from Mr. George Brownen,

F.C.S., October, 1886.)

"My experiments at the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest on the use of pancreatised fats and oils in the wasting of phthisis were published in the Lancet, September 10, 1864, June 10, 1865, November 11 and 18, 1865, and November 17, 1866, and subsequently in my work on 'Tuberculosis, 1866, and in my work on 'Loss of Weight,' 1882. The results of my experiments were brought by me before the Royal Society in 1868, in a paper the abstract of which was published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society, No. 97, on 'The Special Action of the Pancreas on Fat and

Starch,' &c.

"The pre-digestion, and especially the pancreatisation, of foods, and the subsequent introduction of them into the digestive tract, which I thus originated, has since been carried out most extensively in practice, and now forms the most prominent, if not the most important, characteristic of modern medical practice in all forms of defective assimilation, debility, and wasting, and is attended with most satisfactory results, saving numerous lives, as all the profession now admits: the benefits not being restricted to any one disease, but applying to all forms and stages of disease in which digestion and assimilation have failed. (See Appendix for a list of the various forms in which predigested or peptonised or pancreatised foods are now prepared by various manufacturers. Also the author's paper on Fat and Starch in the Nutrition of Children, reprinted in the seventh edition of his work on 'Diet and Regimen.')

"My investigations and experiments have been followed up by several subsequent observers, and most conspicuously, in this country, by Sir William Roberts, of Manchester, who in 1879 brought the subject forward, in his lectures before the Royal College of Physicians, London, and again in 1880, in his work on 'The Digestive Ferments.' But both in his lectures and in his work he omitted to give due importance to the action of the pancreatic juice upon fat, discovered by Bernard, which must be considered its special function, because, whereas proteids and starch can be digested by pepsin and by diastase, the pancreas alone has the power to emulsify fat. (See the author's letter to the Brit. Med. Journ, November 27, 1880, in which he pointed out this omission.)

"No one but myself can claim to have originated and first rendered practicable the idea of administering food previously digested; and in the pre-digested food first administered by

me the fat was emulsified by the pancreatic juice.

"I respectfully submit, therefore, that a means of relief and of cure applicable to so large a range of diseases, viz., all those dependent on, or accompanied by loss of, the digestive or assimilative functions, is a fair subject for the Barbier prize; and as the discovery of the functions of the pancreas in animal digestion is chiefly due to the great French physiologists, Corvisart and Bernard, and as my first experiments were made with pancreatic juice and based upon the discovery of Bernard in relation to its emulsifying properties, it would seem to be especially appropriate that my work should be the subject of the French prize; and the more so because I have, from first to last, refused to accept any pecuniary or other personal advantage from my labours and their results. In the words of the Lancet, November 17, 1866, 'It has been placed fairly before the profession, the author reserving to himself no pecuniary interest or advantage whatever.' Writing on the same subject in the Gazette Hebdomadaire de Médicine et Chirurgie, 1868, M. Fonssagrives said, 'Dr. Dobell has continued with great energy his researches on the utility of fatty emulsions obtained by the aid of the pancreatic juice in all cases where nutrition is seriously impaired. Dr. Dobell wisely repels the idea that pancreatic emulsion is a specific in phthisis. He is entirely justified in saying that to repair the ravages of want of nutrition is to give every favourable opportunity to nature and to prolong the life of the patient.' And the Brit. Med. Journ., August 15, 1885, speaking of the pancreatic method of pre-digestion, says, 'It has proved useful in many hands, in uramic vomiting, gastric catarrh, pernicious anæmia, gastric ulcer, and pyloric and intestinal obstruction. Its introduction has probably done more than any other therapeutic measure of recent times to lessen infant mortality.

Dr. Dobell's contribution was followed by an appendix, from which we have only space to quote the letter of Mr. G. Brownen, F.C.S., referred to above, dated October 15, 1886.

He says:

"Dear Sir,—With reference to the pancreatisation of fats for use as a therapeutic agent in the treatment of disease, I beg to report to you that I have made careful search among the works contained in the following libraries, viz.:-Royal College of Surgeons, Chemical Society, Pharmaceutical Society, and the library and reading room of the British Museum. I find, as, indeed, I had anticipated that no one had made use of the fact discovered by Claude Bernard that the pancreas emulsifies fats—and had used such pancreatic emulsion of fat in the treatment of disease prior to the year 1863. The first published notice of pancreatised fat and of pancreatic emulsion of fat as a remedial agent I find in the Lancet for September, 1864, by yourself, giving your experience with this new medicament dating back to the previous year (1863). From this date forward I find several additional reports of your own, published in the medical journals and in the 'Proceedings of the Royal Society.' can also find a number of professional references of pancreatic emulsions or pre-digested fat to yourself as its originator in. medical practice.'

"I also find that between the years 1864 and 1870 you observed and utilised the action of the pancreas and of pancreatic emulsion upon a variety of foods, such as starch (1868), albuminoids, &c., and so paved the way for the later experimentalists on pre-digested foods. I have also examined the records of the Library of the Patent Office, and I am unable to find any recorded attempt to utilise the digestive powers of the pancreas for food or medicine until 1870, or six years after the first of your published reports upon the value of the pancreatised foods. The first patent I have been able to find was granted to S. Darby, August 22, 1870, No. 2,312, and is a claim to use the pancreas (of ox, cow, calf, or sheep) in the manufacture of fluid meat. This claim was

held until its expiry in 1884.

"To sum up the results of my examination, I may say that I cannot find any one advising or using an emulsion of pancreatised or pre-dige-sted fat (or food) before your notices in 1864, 1865, 1866, and 1868. Before these dates all references to the pancreatic juices are confused and contradictory, and regard the secretion as a physiological curiosity; and, as for its practical use in the remedial treatment of invalids, no one can claim priority to yourself.

"(Signed) GEORGE BROWNEN, F.C.S.

"P.S.—Other references and dates can be given if required."

THE ANALYSIS OF CATTLE FOODS.

BY WILLIAM LAWSON.

N one sense the adulteration of cattle foods may be said to be non-existent, since, there being no authoritative standards, the manufacturer is left to the freedom of his own will, and thus the composition of such commodities will be determined by the bias of his mind as to what is proper. When this induces him to mingle with his wares ground marble, silica, or gypsum, to the extent of 20 or even 50 per ceut., the detection of adulteration that we can call by no other name—is rendered easy. But when he uses effete, or it may be injurious, materials of an organic nature, it becomes a matter of great difficulty—in many cases quite impossible—to satisfactorily detect them by chemical means. Physiological tests, however, frequently succeed where these fail, and it sometimes happens to those engaged in the work of testing these articles to have samples sent for examination for poisons, but in which nothing of a poisonous nature can be found after very careful search. Yet the administration of such to cattle may have been productive of abnormal physiological symptoms, these being the first indication of there being anything amiss, and this unlooked-for outcome can only have been occasioned by the presence of some undetectable noxious ingredient, either added to or formed in the food. From this it will be readily understood that no roughand-ready test is available for the detection of these. The microscope is often of service, but as a rule the suitability or non-suitability of any compound for feeding purposes is decided by the proximate analysis; the search, successful or the reverse, for the more commonly occurring injurious substances which may be within the reach of chemical or physical tests, such as wild mustard, &c. is useful, the rest being left to the digestive organs of the animal, which rapidly and satisfactorily decide the matter.

The analysis of cattle foods generally extends to the determination of the moisture, the oil (by extraction with hot ether in Soxhlet's apparatus or other suitable arrangement), the albuminoid compounds or flesh formers, the starch, digestive fibres, &c., the woody fibre, and the ash. All the details to be followed in accomplishing this analysis need not be here given, since the necessary dexterity to carry it through is only acquired after much practice and many disheartening failures. This refers more particularly to the determination of the albuminoid compounds, which are got by finding the total nitrogen contained in the substance by combustion of a weighed portion with soda lime (there are other methods, Kjeldahl's and others, but the soda lime is the common one), and estimation of the evolved ammonia into which the nitrogenous matters are converted. This latter is accomplished by passing the ammonia into a measured volume of standard sulphuric acid (contained in a Will and Varrentrapp's nitrogen bulb tube), and titration of the residual acid by standard alkali (ammonia preferably); or by collection in hydrochloric acid, and weighing as platinum salt. The ammonia thus found is calculated into nitrogen, and this multiplied by 6.25 gives the amount of albuminoid compounds. Sometimes a higher figure than 6.25 is adopted, but as a rule this is high enough for such articles as feeding stuffs. As before hinted, to do this successfully requires practice, while much experience is also requisite before the proper deductions can be made from the results found. Where no standards exist to declare what shall, or shall not, enter into the composition of the articles in question, any mixture, such as 1 or 20 of oil, or 1 or 50 of flesh-formers, or any other proportions, may be used, and such combination may thus be either rich or poor, or something intermediate, and yet be free from adulteration.

Discrimination, the product of experience, is thus absolutely necessary to allow of the formation of a correct judgment. A prevailing idea is that the oil is entitled to the place of merit in a food, though some would place the albuminoid compounds in that position. However that may be, it is essential in properly prepared foods that the valuable constituents shall be related to each other in certain welldefined ratios, in order that the best results may follow their administration. It by no means follows that because a food may be endowed with an abnormal proportion of one constituent that, therefore, the beneficial results known in other eircumstances to follow the administration of that constituent must necessarily ensue. The reverse is notoriously the case, one example of which will suffice. Decorticated cottoncake, in which the flesh-formers commonly amount to 40 or 42 per cent. (one recently examined contained over 48), is, when given alone, frequently decidedly injurious, from the inability of the animals to digest it. This is owing to its excessive albuminoid content, and when this is reduced by the suitable admixture of some more purely carbonaceous material, good effects at once follow.

All that precedes refers mainly to compounded foods, the cotton-cake being chosen simply to illustrate a point. When the food is an uncompounded one, it can, as a rule, be readily told from the analysis whether it should be classed as a good, bad, or indifferent sample of such material. Thus, if a sample of linseed-cake meal contains about 32 per cent. of flesh-formers, 10 or 12 of oil of a bland, non-pungent odour or taste, 32 of mucilage, sugar, digestible fibre, but no starch, it may be safely characterised as an excellent one; while another, with 20 per cent. or so of flesh-formers, a few per cent. of oil (sometimes so low as 1 or 2), acrid and pungent, together with starchy matter, may at once be pronounced adulterated. A similar definite statement may also be made anent other uncompounded articles. It remains to be added that the true feeding value of cakes, &c., can only be determined by their effects on the animal, chemical analysis only giving theoretical value. When the former is known, of course any future chemical examination will determine the value of a sample of the same nature, because it can be compared with a standard founded on the results of the physiological and chemical tests combined. Much valuable work has been done in this field, notably by Lawes and Gilbert, records of whose work are to be found almost everywhere. Much information can also be had in "Church's Agricultural Chemistry," in the "Royal Agricultural Yearbook," and in the "Journal of the Highland and Agricultural Society." The money value of eattle foods fluctuates, partly from the various ideas held by the merchants as to the rates of profits such commodities ought to bear, partly from the condition of the markets, &c. Some instances could be quoted to illustrate the former of these reasons. For example, the writer had two samples of linseed-cake given him by a farmer for analysis. In the report granted it was remarked that both were almost exactly alike in composition, and were of equal money value. It turned out, however, that the samples belonged to different individuals, one of whom had purchased in the west of Scotland at a rate 2/. per ton less than the other, who had bought his south of the Tweed. Inquiries were instituted, which resulted in the discovery that both cakes were from the same source, and a substantial reduction was ultimately made in the price. No doubt instances of a similar kind, but with reversed geographical conditions, sometimes occur. One golden rule in this matter is to deal with a firm of undoubted honour, for after all much has to be left to the

CARBONATE OF SODA should not be used for preserving milk. The milk sours as usual, but as quickly as lactic acid is formed it is neutralised, and the resulting lactate of soda, being a purgative, causes diarrheea in children to whom the milk is given.

dealer.

A PLEASANT ANAESTHETIC is obtained by the mixture of equal parts of chloroform and eau de Cologne. This is recommended by Mr. J. Stephens, anæsthetist of the Brighton Dental Hospital, who says (*Brit. Med. Journ.*) that the mixture is liked by ladies. It is, of course, to be used with an inhalcr.

Legal Reports

E. MERCK v. LEHN & FINK.

THE preliminary investigation in the eriminal action brought by E. Merck, the German chemical manufacturer, against the New York firm of Lehn & Fink was concluded on December 27. The following is a summary of the principal evidence, so far as it has not already been reported in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST:-Mr. Fink, partner in the defending firm (who gave his evidence unsworn, and, by the ruling of the judge, was exempted from cross-examination), stated that he had handled Merck's goods ever since 1860, both in Germany and in the United States. He emphatically denied ever having authorised any one to tamper with Merck's labels, or having known anything about the matter until he received a letter from Merck in December, 1885, asking whether he ever had such labels printed. In reply to this witness had written to Merck explaining the matter, and shortly after that letter he noticed a bottle which bore on the outside wrapper a blank label with Merck's name and the name of the article in writing in the blank space. Not having seen any of Merck's written labels for a long time, Mr. Fink inquired of his foreman how such label happened to get in his possession, and was informed that the clerk in charge of the printing had these labels printed some time previous for the purpose of relabelling such of Merck's goods as had been in stock for some time, and bore only an inside label on the bare bottle, but no outside label on the wrapper. In order to prevent mistakes Mr. Lampe had one thousand of these labels printed to be used for the wrappers only, each of the wrappers thus labelled bearing a genuine label inside. Mr. Fink said that on being told this he asked tor all these labels, and burnt them. Mr. Fink stated further that Merck from time to time had sent to his firm loose labels for putting up smaller packages than those in stock for use in case of breakage, or in cases where labels were soiled or destroyed in any of several ways which Mr. Fink described. The witness also distinctly denied the truth of the allegations made by former employés of his, that he had given instructions for tampering with Merck's labels, refuting these allegations one by one, and showing that in several instances the goods which it was alleged had been substituted for Merck's were dearer than, or equally as dear as, those of the prosecutor. Mr. Fink deposed that he had an intimation to the effect that a search was contemplated as early as September 10, on which day a former employé, now in business for himself, stated to him (Mr. Fink) that he had been approached by Merck's agent to find out if Lehn & Fink had labels printed in America. Mr. Fink felt so sure of having no labels in his store that were printed in America that he paid no attention to the statement at the time. As to the search and the arrest, the officers and Mr. Weicker searched his premises for two hours, and they were in no way obstructed. Lehn & Fink never had one of Merck's seals, nor had Mr. Weicker found one when searching the house. Mr. Weicker seized a quantity of goods which he declared counterfeit, but afterwards was compelled to leave behind, having been shown invoices from Merck for these very articles. Mr. Fink's evidence was corroborated by his partners, Messrs. Eberhardt and Plant. The latter witness also further stated that Lehn & Fink continuously received labels from Merck, sometimes as many as a hundred of one kind, but that this had been much more common in former years, because of late, it being known that Lehn & Fink were the largest importers of Merck's goods, their own label was accepted as readily as Merck's. He explained various instances in which it had been necessary to repack Merck's goods, such as goods being of a deliquescent or corrosive nature, and again when goods had been improperly labelled, such as goods being labelled "C. P.," which afterwards turned out not to be "C. P." Mr. Plant next testified as to the cost of the various articles claimed to have been substituted for Merck's, which in every case, he said, was as high as or higher than Merck's. In reply to a question as to whether he had personal knowledge of any of the substitutions testified to by former employés, he stated that he knew of the ergotin case from the fact that he himself had sold the ergotin in question. The article was manufactured by Leo, and cost considerably more than Merck's, and for

that reason had remained in stock quite a while, some four or five years, meanwhile losing very much in weight through evaporation. An order came for a large quantity from a manufacturer of patent medicines, and Leo's ergotin was examined and found that it had dried up. To each five-pound jar sufficient glycerine was added to bring it back to its original standard. It was not sold under Merck's label, but under Lchn & Fink's; this was the only instance in which glycerine or anything else had been added to ergotin that he remembered. Several of the defendant's warehousemen and clerks gave evidence of a similar character.

The witnesses for the defence also included Mr. Lampe, formerly in the service of Lehn & Fink as elerk, and now one of their travellers. This witness stated that in September, 1886, when he had charge of Lehn & Fink's printing department, he ordered 1,000 "Merck" labels to be printed, but he did so entirely on his own responsibility, and without consulting any of the firm. These labels were to be used for the outside labelling of Merck's goods, and for this purpose only. Mr. Fink accidentally discovered them, spoke to him about it, and upbraided him for his action. No other "Merck" labels had ever been printed for Lehn & Fink to to his knowledge, and none had ever been used except for the purpose named. He had never seen Merck's labels on any other goods but Merck's in any of the several departments in which he had been employed, although any improper use of labels would have come to his knowledge if it had occurred. Some of the labels seized by Merck's agent during the execution of the search warrant this witness declared to be perfectly genuine, and stated that they had been in his possession for years. On December 21 Mr. Justice Kılbreth announced his decision, which was to the effect that the defendants should be bound over in nominal bail of \$300 each to appear before the grand jury.

A PATENT OIL.

In the Court of Session, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, before Lord Kinnear, judgment was given in the case of Robert Hutchison v. Patullo Brothers. Pursuers claimed 10,000%. damages in respect of an alleged infringement of their patent, obtained in 1873, for "improvements in treating oils and fats." Their invention was claimed to be for thickening or oxidising animal and vegetable oils and fats, and for making improved lubricants by combining these oxidised or thickened oils or fats with mineral oils. This patent, they alleged, had been infringed by the defenders. The latter denied that they had infringed the letters-patent, and called on the pursuers to give specific particulars of the acts of infringement of which they complained. Combinations of thickened or oxidised oils with mineral oils had been commonly made and used both by the trade and members of the public for lubricating and other purposes for a period long prior to the date of the pursuer's letters-patent without challenge. The defenders also maintained that the letterspatent were invalid, as the combining of thickened vegetable or animal oils with mineral oils to form lubricants was not the subject-matter of a grant of letters-patent within the meaning of the Patent Acts; and the pursuers claimed an invention different from or not embraced in that disclosed in the provisional specification.

Lord Kinnear, in the Outer House, had found that the patent was void in law, sustained the defences, and dismissed the action with expenses. The Second Division, however, on appeal, without pronouncing on the merits of the case, decided that it was one for inquiry, and remitted it back to the Lord-Ordinary for that purpose. The case having been heard in full, Lord Kinnear now gave judgment. Pursuer, he said, claimed to have discovered a method of thickening fat oil so as to obtain an oil of sufficient gravity for heavy machinery, which would be free from the natural tendency of fat oils to thicken in use, and for that purpose he thickened fat oils in such a way as to make them suitable for mixing with mineral oils, making a satisfactory lubricant. Pursuer described his process as consisting mainly of subjecting the oils to heat while exposed to the air in shallow vessels. He explained that the main purpose of this process was to remove the blueness or fluorescence in mineral oils, and to thicken the oxidised fat oils. It had been proved by sufficient experience that oxidised oil might be produced by this process at any thickness or gravity up to the thick

ness of castor oil, and that the oil so produced was readily mixable with vegetable oils. Whether the thickening was entirely due to oxidation did not appear to be decided, but it was not disputed that the result which the pursuer arrived at was produced by the combined action of heat and exposure to the air. Defenders were said to have infringed the letters-patent by manufac-turing or dealing in lard oil. There could be no doubt that lard oil was a thickened animal oil, or that the thickening was produced by a process by which it was exposed to air and heat, but it was brought about by an entirely different process from that described by the pursuer in his specification. Messrs. Price & Co., London, had thickened or oxidised oils, and mixed them with mineral oils prior to 1873. Their process consisted, not of exposing the oil in shallow layers, according to the method of the pursuer, but of heating it by steam and blowing air through the heated oil. This process was more expeditious than that of the pursuer, and was entirely different.—His Lordship held that there was no infringement by merely exposing or thickening oils. reference to the second claim, which dealt with the mixing of oils which have been treated, it appeared to him that the process of mixing either involved no invention, or skill, or ingenuity, and that it was not a proper subject for a patent, or that it did involve some skill or ingenuity and some knowledge, and in that case the process was not described in the specification.—The case was dismissed with costs.

MEDICAL INHALERS.—JOHN GORDON, JUNR. v. KENNEDY AND THE VOLTAIC BATTERY COMPANY.

This case came on for hearing before Mr. Justice Day, sitting without a jury, in the Queen's Bench Division on Thursday. The plaintiff claimed specific performance of an alleged contract; and in the alternative 10,000l. damages. It seemed that the plaintiff, together with two other gentlemen, were owners of a patent entitled "Improvements in Inhalers for Medicinal Purposes." Early in 1886 Mr. Gordon addressed a communication to Mr. Kennedy, containing an offer made on behalf of himself and his co-patentees to let the Voltaic Battery Company have the right to manufacture and sell all the inhalers made under the patent upon payment of certain royaltics, and on their undertaking to push the sales by advertising and other means. The offer, the plaintiff said, was accepted on March 23, 1886. The defendants, however, asserted that the contract was signed by Mr. Sorkins (Mr. Kennedy's clerk) without their authority; and that, even if Mr. Sorkins had signed the alleged contract, he did so subject to the ratification of Mr. Kennedy, which it had never had. Mr. Bompas, Q.C., and Mr. Henry were the counsel appearing for the plaintiffs, whilst Mr. Poley and Mr. Parkes represented the defendants.

His Lordship was clearly of opinion that there was no truth in the alternative plea whatever. He was quite satisfied that whether the agreement was one by which the defendants were bound or not, it was not entered into subject to any ratification by anyone. The story was too ridiculous. He had also come to the conclusion that Sorkins was acting with the authority of Kennedy, with whom he was in constant communication whilst in America, and whose manager Sorkins was. Had he signed the document without authority, Kennedy should have told Gordon so on the first opportunity he had. He, therefore, gave judgment for the plaintiff, for specific performance, with costs.

His Lordship refused to stay execution.

THE DENTISTS ACT.

AT Wisbech Borough Police Court, on Tuesday, Frederick W. Bradley, chemist and druggist, was charged with infringing section 3 of the Dentists Act, 1878, which provides that a person taking or using the name or title of a dentist (either alone or in combination with any other word), or of dental practitioner, or any name, title, addition, or description implying that he is a person registered under the Act, or that he is a person specially qualified to practise dentistry, unless he is registered under the Act, is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding 201. Mr. R. E. Melsheimer prosecuted on behalf of the British Dental Association, and

Mr. Waddy, Q.C., defended. Counsel stated that the defendant in his numerous advertisements and cards, and on his plate, had carefully avoided the word "dentist," describing himself as "F. W. Bradley, A.P.S., Eng.," that his advertisements appeared to have been worded with the express object of keeping elear of a prosecution under the Act, and that, owing to the great care thus exercised, it had been necessary to entrap the defendant by sending two clerks from London as patients. The Dentists' Register was put in as prima facie evidence that the defendant was not a registered dentist. Two witnesses named Grimmette and Luce proved that they called upon Mr. Bradley at his advertised address, on August 13, and on seeing him Grimmette said, "Are you Mr. Bradley, the deutist?" The defendant, it was alleged, said he was. The witnesses were shown into a room containing a dentist's chair, revolving instrument table, instruments, &c. A fee of 2s. 6d. was paid for stopping Luce's tooth. In answer to the witness Grinnette, the defendant said he was "trained," or, according to the witness Luce, he practised at the London Dental Hospital. Both witnesses were elosely cross-examined by Mr. Waddy, and agreed that, although they both asked the defendant if he was Mr. Bradley the dentist, and he replied "Yes," the defendant never volunteered the statement that he was a dentist. Mr. Waddy submitted that the defendant had never used the title "dentist," or "dental practitioner," and held that no infringement of the law had taken place. The Bench found that the defendant had infringed the law, and fined him 5l. and eosts, at the same time consenting to state a case for the Divisional Court. It is understood that this is a test case, and the first of a series of prosecutions throughout the country.

BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

Re James Read Horner, Salterhebble, Chemical Manufacturer.

THE examination of this bankrupt was held at the Halifax County Court before Mr. Alexander, registrar, on Tuesday. In reply to Mr. England (Official Receiver), the debtor said he had been in partnership with a man named Carter until two months before filing his petition. His statement of accounts did not give details of what he had done between the partnership and filing the petition. Questions were put to the debtor by Mr. Rhodcs with a view of showing that in a number of eases the debtor while in partnership had received moneys from tradesmen, and had accounted (if at all) for only part. The retiring partner had kept the cash-book, and some entries in a ledger which the debtor kept were made in pencil, and had reference to many of the items in question. The examination was adjourned a month, the debtor being ordered to file detailed accounts for the month prior to his failure.

Re WALTER LOWE, Manchester, Chemist and Druggist.

THE examination of this debtor was resumed before the Registrar of the Manchester Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday. The Official Receiver, Mr. C. J. Dibb, said he had to ask his honour to adjourn the public examination of the debtor sine die, as he had not yet filed his statement of accounts, and there was no appearance of his doing so. Mr. Lowe was called into the witness-box, and stated that he did not think he should be able to file the accounts asked for, at any rate for some time to come. The Official Receiver said the examination had already been adjourned from time to time, and no good end would be served by a further fixture. The Registrar said under those circumstances he would accede to the application of the Official Receiver, and adjourn the case sine die. It may be remembered that when before the court on a previous occasion, Mr. Lowe was asked to give the recipe of his cough mixture, but he resolutely declined to do so, remarking that the creditors were apparently desirous of picking his brains. The Registrar thereupon ordered the case to go before the learned judge, who decided in favour of Mr. Lowe.

Trade Hotes.

MOTTO FOR A LINIMENT.—"All's well that ends swell."
MR. C. S. ASHTON has purchased the business of Mr. J. R.
hithyman, 69 Spring Gardens, Buxton.

MESSRS. ALFRED HOLT & Co., drug, chemical, and oil bkers, have removed to 19 Old Hall Street, Liverpool.

MR. SAMUEL COCKING, JUN., of the firm of Cocking & ,, Yokohama, intended leaving for Europe, $vi\hat{a}$ the United ates, on December 20 last.

MESSRS. BROWNE & ATKINSON have commenced business patents registration and transfer agents at 55 & 56 Chanry Lane, London, W.C.

APPLICATION has been made for a patent for a composion for the removal of human and other hair from the face, eck, &c.

MESSRS. C. J. VAN HOUTEN & SONS, of Amsterdam, have ceived the gold medal of the Newcastle Exhibition for eir manufactures.

MR. CHARLES BERINGER, agent for the Johann Maria arina & Co., "Pantaleon" branch, has removed from Moorfields to 17 Philpot Lane.

WE are asked by Messrs, G. & G. Stern to state in reply to quiries that their pumiline preparations are not a secret or atent medicine, but only the pure essence and extract of low-grown pumilio pine.

MR. THOMAS F. JOHNSTONE has been admitted a partner f the old-established firm of Low & Co., chemists and ruggists, Dumfries. For the past ten years Mr. Johnstone as managed the business on behalf of Mr. Low. The new rm takes the style of Low & Johnstone.

MR. J. TUTTON, late manager for Messrs. Kay Brothers, tockport, and formerly for the General Apotheearies' Comany, London, has purchased the business, recently carried n by Mr. Welsh, and formerly by Mr. Mabson, at 19 Market lace, Great Yarmouth.

HOP BITTERS.—It will be seen by an advertisement in his issue that the Hop Bitters Company have decided to upply a smaller-sized bottle of their preparation as well as he 4s. 6d. bottle which is now sold. The new bottle is to be priced for retail at 2s. 6d.

MESSES. COLTHURST & HARDING, manufacturers of paints ind colours, 16 Fish Street Hill, have purchased the manuacturing premises lately occupied by Messis. Robertson, Temple & Co., and known as the Alpha Works, Millwall, E., and will carry this business on in conjunction with their old-stablished works at Bristol.

Messes. Elliman, Sons & Co. are sending out exceptionally artistic show-cards, as it is necessary to term them, though the card proper is produced on metal. These are stylishly framed and glazed, and form an attractive advertisement. The centre represents the familiar "lame hunter" and the "lame hunter cured," while the corners of the design show the heads of various animals. The card seems to have been executed in Paris,

DR. RICHTER'S PAIN-EXPELLER is one of a series of specialities which are now being introduced to the British public as patent medicines, which have a considerable continental and American reputation. The Pain expeller is an attractively put-up preparation, no expense being spared, apparently, to make it go. For example, each bottle has an indiarubber stopper, and is enclosed in an elegant carton, some interesting reading matter being thrown in. Chemists are likely to have a demand for this speciality.

Messrs. Leath & Ross show us the following letter lately received by them:—

"Potsdam Hadtschloss, December 20, 1887.
"Fräulein von Gasdorff demands Messrs. Leath & Ross to send three bottles of Neuraline (remedy against toothache) to H.R.H. Princess William of Prussia, London, Buckingham Palace. The parcel is to be forwarded by royal messenger to Potsdam Hadtschloss, Germany, and must be in Buckingham Palace on Monday. Please to send the account, and address it to Baron von Mirbach, Potsdam."

MARRIAGES.

[Notices of Marriages and Deaths are inserted free if sent with proper authentication.]

JACKSON—BOWEN.—On November 30, at Holy Trinity Church, Brighton Road, Balaclava, Victoria, Professor A. H. Jackson, B.Sc., Director of the College of Pharmacy, Melbourne, to Charlotte, eldest daughter of William Bowen, Esq.

MOSTYN—SHAW.—On January 11, at St. Clement's Church, Longsight, by the Rev. A. Noel, Thomas Edwin, son of Edwin Mostyn, of Fern House, Harpurhey, to Florence, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Shaw, wholesale druggist, Manchester.

DEATHS.

COCKERAM.—We regret to have to announce the death, at 44, of Mr. R. P. Cockeram, who for the last seven years has served in the capacity of market clerk and buyer, successively, to Hearon, Squire & Francis, wholesale druggists, 5 Coleman Street, E.C. He was apprenticed at an early age to Gadd & Sons, Exeter, and on completing his indentures engaged himself to Evans, Sons & Co., Liverpool, where by painstaking application he acquired a sound general knowledge of the wholesale drug trade. Afterwards he held a position of trust and responsibility in the employ of Parsons & Co., St. Mary Axe, until he finally assumed the duties which he continued to discharge with much zeal and ability to the time of his last illness. His death was the result of a severe attack of rheumatic gout, with which he was seized on December 22 last, and to which he succumbed on January 10. He leaves a wife and young family to mourn his loss. The deceased was a familiar figure on the Drug Exchange, where he was much respected. Rapidity of judgment, succeeded by promptness of decision, characterised all his business transactions, a feature which to strangers not unnaturally gave to him a seeming abruptness of manner.

GREEN.—On December 30, 1887, at his residence, 116 Cross Lane, Radcliffe, James Green, chemical manufacturer. Aged 60 years.

LAVERS.—On New Year's Day, Hariett, the beloved wife of Thomas Francis Lavers, of the firm of Lavers & Son, chemists, Blackheath, who passed away after six years of intense suffering, borne with great patience. Lamented by all who knew her.

STEWARD.—On January 3, 1888, Mr. William Steward, pharmaceutical chemist, of 42 High Street, Bridgnorth Aged 73 years. A former apprentice of Mr. Steward's sends a short reminiscence of his old master. He says:-" He was methodical, quiet, fair, upright in business; he kept first-class drugs, looked after their storage himself; he 'per-sonally dispensed prescriptions,' advised as a chemist ought, and charged equal prices when dispensing what he judged suitable to his customers. He did no ignorant quacking; was a safe man, who readily sent a serious case to 'the doctor.' I never heard of friction between him and any member of the profession, nor knew a customer complain of We lads were well fed, bedded, and treated in house and shop. We were in no hurry to leave him 'when our time was out,' although holidays were to be counted on our thumbs-flower-show day and Christmas Day. But we were none the worse for that, though I grant it might have been jollier to have had a day now and then. He never preached at us, but he allowed us time for temperance meetings and Sunday school. Masters will know that these indulgences confined him more closely than needed to business. Yet the daily practice of the moral law served to train up men who have done credit to his quiet force of character, religious as well as moral. His, now, the reward of a good man; ours, one more memory of a man of many virtues, sterling worth, and not unsuccessful endeavour.-D. O. E.'

TIRRELL.—On December 29, 1887, Mr. John Tirrell, chemist and druggist, Market Square, Hanley.

A COMMISSION has been appointed for the compilation of a new Austrian Military Pharmacopæ;a.

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LIABILITY OF BLAUD'S AND OTHER PILLS TO MEDICINE STAMP DUTY.

IMPORTANT CORRESPONDENCE.

A FEW months ago an officer of the Inland Revenue informed Messrs. Macfarlan & Co. that the sale of Blaud's Pills, as such, unstamped, was an infringement of the Medicine Stamp Act. Messrs. Macfarlan & Co. addressed the Board of Inland Revenue at Somerset House on the subject, and the following correspondence passed subsequently:—

" Inland Revenue,

"Somerset House, London, W.C.,

" November 5, 1887.

"Gentlemen,—The Board of Inland Revenue have had under consideration your letter of the 13th ultimo, as to the sale in Scotland of Blaud's Pills, &c., unstamped.

"The Board have no doubt that the use of such labels as Dr. Hamilton's Pills,' Dr. Christison's Pills,' Blaud's Pills,' &c., &c., bearing, in addition, the name and address of the compounder, must, in strictness, be regarded as indicating that those medicines are held out 'as nostrums, or proprietary medicines, or as specifics,' and that, therefore, medicine stamp duty ought to be paid in respect of them.

"The Board would not be disposed, however, to favour proceedings for penalties by reason of such medicines being sold unstamped, if in the case of remedies like Dr. Hamilton's Pills and Dr. Christison's Pills, the ingredients of which they are composed were specified on the label immediately before

the word 'Pills,' thus :-

 Іресас, pulv.
 1/3 gr.

 Ol. encalypt.
 2/3 ft.

 Capsici pulv.
 2/3 gr.

 Pil. galbani co, B.P.
 1 gr.

or whatever the ingredients may be; but even with such a description they would come within the charging clause if held out by advertisements, handbills or otherwise, as speci-

tics for complaints, &c.

"In the case of Btaud's Pills, which are understood to be prepared in accordance with a formula appearing in the French Pharmacopœia, the Board would be willing to regard a statement to that effect on the label as negativing a claim founded on proprietary right, &c., or on the assumption that the pills in question may be regarded as a nostrum or specific.

"It will, of course, be understood that the view of the Board as above indicated only extends to the use of a label printed in the manner suggested, and that in the event of the issue of any public notice or advertisement, or of any papers or handbills relating to the medicines referred to, the Board would consider it necessary to regard the matter in its purely legal aspect, and to maintain the liability of such medicines to the duty imposed by law.

"I enclose for your information extracts from the Acts of Parliament which impose and regulate the medicine stamp

duties

"I am, Gentlemen,

"Your obedient servant,

(Signed) "EDWARD BRIGHT."

"Edward Bright, Esq.,
"Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London.

"Sir,—We are obliged by your favour of the 5th instant with the extracts from the Acts of Parliament relative to the

Medicine Stamp Duties therein contained.

"It appears to us that your Honourable Board does not usually claim to exercise the right to levy stamp duties on such simple and well-known medicines as Dr. Hamilton's Pills, Dr. Christison's Pills, Blaud's Pills, &c., &c., unless there be something in the way in which they are sold, which will give colour to the idea that they are held out as nostrums or proprietary medicines, or as specifics. It thus becomes important to consider what is the meaning of the words 'Dr. Hamilton's,' 'Dr. Christison's,' 'Blaud's,' &c., when prefixed to the word 'pills,' &c. Now the meaning of these words is simply this: they are names given by the public to well-known medicines, which both the public know and the chemists know, and the formula of which is to be found in standard

medical books. The public know what they want when they ask for 'Dr. Hamilton's Pills,' and every chemist in the country knows what pills to make up when 'Dr. Hamilton's pills are asked for. Now these pills are sold in small quantities, very frequently in penny boxes, just as antibilious pills 'aperient pills,' and 'steel pills' are sold in London and many parts of England. These boxes are exceedingly small, and could not bear a label large enough to contain the names of the various ingredients of which the pills are composed, and to increase the size of the box and to put on a label containing the names of the ingredients would entail an expense altogether disproportionate to the cost of the pills. This would be a great hardship to the poor, who are by far the largest purchasers of these simple and well-known medicines, and this evil would arise without producing any advantage whatever to the revenue.

"We humbly submit that your Honourable Board ought not needlessly to impose burdens upon those least able to

bear them.

"It might be practicable to put on the labels of the boxes containing such pill, the words 'Pills,' 'Dr. Hamilton's,' 'Dr. Christison's,' 'Blaud's.' The name being put within brackets would thus show that it referred merely to the popular name of the medicine. This would, however, cause a considerable amount of alteration on the labels now in use, and no little expense. Considering the long period during which the present condition of things has been allowed to go on by the officers of your Honourable Board, any change would necessarily create a good deal of irritation amongst a large body of respectable men.

"J. F. Macfarlan & Co. "17 North Bridge, Edinburgh, November 14, 1887."

"Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C.,
"November 22, 1887.

"Gentlemen,—I have laid before the Board of Inland Revenue your further letter of the 14th instant, and they have directed me to state that they are not prepared to depart from the decision conveyed by their communication of the 5th instant. The concession therein granted is the utmost that can be made.

"I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,
"Messrs. J. F. Maefarlan & Co. W. R. COUSINS."

" 17 North Bridge, Edinburgh.
" November 28, 1887.

" W. R. Cousins, Esq.

"Sir,—We are obliged by your communication of the 22nd inst., and in accordance therewith have had our Blaud's pill labels altered so as to avoid any infringement of the Act.

"In keeping with the terms of said communication we will have in common with other members of the trade in Scotland to destroy a large number of pill labels which the officers of your Honourable Board have hitherto allowed to be used without challenge, but there are two or three of these so much used in this country that their extinction will in many households be little short of a domestic calamity, and we venture, therefore, to ask whether to obviate this the substitution for them of labels such as are attached hereto would be objected to by your Honourable Board.

" Apologising for the trouble we have given in this matter,

and awaiting your reply,
"We are, Sir,

"Your most obedient Servants,
"J. F. Macfarlan & Co."

COMPOUND COLOCYNTH PILLS (Gregory). COLOCYNTH

AND
HENBANE PILLS
(Hamilton).

APERIENT
PILLS
(Christison).

"Inland Revenue Office,
"Somerset House, London, W.C.
"December 28, 1887.

"Gentlemen,—In reply to your further letter dated the 22nd instant, I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to return herewith the duplicates of the following labels forwarded by you, viz.:- 'Compound Colocynth Pills (Gregory),' 'Colocynth and Henbane Pills (Hamilton),' marked 'not

ble,' in so far as the liability to medicine stamp duty is dendent on the terms of the label in each case.

Not liable.

Compound Cologynth

Cologynth And Henbane

Pills Pills

(Gregory).

(Hamilton).

"The label for the 'Aperient Pills (Christison)' was not in duplicate. It would not, however, involve liability medicine stamp duty.

"I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,
"T. N. CRAFES.

"Messrs. J. F. Macfarlan & Co."

TRADE-MARKS APPLIED FOR.

The Trade Marks Journal publishes the following notice:—"Any person who has good grounds for objection to the registration of any of the bllowing marks may, within two months of the date of this journal, give otice in duplicate at the Patent Office, in the form 'J,' in the second shedule to the Trade Marks Rules, 1883, of opposition to such registration." The address of the Patent Office is Southampton Bnildings, andon, W.O.

From the "Trade Marks Journal," January 4, 1888.

- ⁴THE GLADSTONE PILL—A PHYSIOLOGICAL PERSUADER," and portrait of Mr. Gladstone; for pills. By A. W. Burdett, Westbourne Park Road, Bayswater, W. 62,589.
- "RUBROZONE"; for disinfectants, &c. (64,226); and "Sanoline"; for perfumery (64,748). By John Lorimer, trading as Lorimer & Co., Hargrave Park Road, Junction Road, N. 64,226.
- "Pure" on a diamond design; for tea and coffee. By The Ceylon Pure Produce Company, Corn Exchange Avenue, Seething Lane, E.C. 65,540.
- "SEABURY'S ACCIDENT CASE," and fanciful design; for chemical substances. Class 3. By G. J. Seabury, R. J. Seabury, and J. M. Peters, trading as Seabury & Johnson, 1 Australian Avenue, E.C. 66,333.
- "FOOD ASSIMILATOR" and "CONSUMPTION ERADICATOR," on devices; for medicine. By J. Thomas, trading as C. R. Trajans & Co, 54 Woodland Road, Upper Norwood, S.E., 66,364-5.
- Figure of soda-water bottle floating in the sea; for aërated waters. By The Ship Canal Mineral Water Company, 153 Trafford Road, Salford. 66,556.
- 4 CROSKELL'S FEMALE CORRECTIVE PILLS," on label; for pills. By J. Croskell, 4 Sadler Street, Durham. 66,577.
- Heraldic design, containing names of several veterinary specialities for medicine chests of wood. By Day & Sons, Crewe. 66,990.
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- Figure of a windmill, and designation of depositors, on elliptical label; for bleaching powders. By Hold Bros. & Shaw, Widnes. 67,203.
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- "MARETTES"; for chemical substances (Class 3); and for foods (Class 42). By J. Hawke, Lapford House, New Barnet. 67,532-3.
- "THE BERKSHIRE ELECT CAKE POWDER," and other wording, on label; for a cake powder. By A. J. T. Pullen, Newbury. 67,779.
- Figure of a eard of 1d. tubes of sugar-coated pills; for pills.

- By A. M. Robertson, Anderston Apothecaries' Hall, Washington Street, Glasgow. 67,845.
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- "BonoLine"; for oils (Class 4). By J. K. Field, Lombard Road, Battersea. 68,112.

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- "CEDROLINE," and signature of depositor; for a preparation for protecting the skin from stings or bites of insects. By T. G. Gibbons, 41 Market Street, Manchester. 64,118.
- "CELERY COMPOUND," and figure of the celery plant; for a medicinal preparation. By Wells & Richardson Company, 58 Shoe Lane, E.C. 64,934.
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- "Kasuk"; for a medicine. By Squire & Sons, 413 Oxford Street, W. 67,928.
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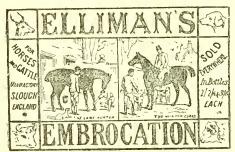
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DITORIAL MOTES.



THE FOREIGN TRADE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1887.

IF our manufacturers and merchants have not learnt wisdom lately, it has certainly not been the fault of their candid friends. The reports from our consuls abroad have been filled largely with jeremiads on the unprogressiveness, the inadaptability to the requirements of local markets, and the general incapacity of our traders. At home newspapers are never tired of predicting our impending extinction as a great commercial centre, or at any rate our degradation to a sort of satellite of Germany, which seems to be generally regarded as the commercial leader of the future. But the Board of Trade returns for 1887 do not by any means corroborate the sinister views of the croakers. As yet we have no opportunity of comparing our foreign commerce in all its details with that of our principal competitors, Great Britain being the only nation which issues full particulars of her annual trade within a few days after the close of the year. But after making every allowance for the seriousness of foreign competition, it must be confessed that a total external trade worth 642,440,044*l*. is not bad for a community of only about thirty-six million inhabitants. No other country in the world, in fact, can show an annual turnover in foreign trade of 181, in round figures, per head of its population, or even anything

proaching that amount. So far as value is concerned, the tal of the business transacted in 1887 is considerably above at of 1886, slightly in excess of 1885, but much below that 1884 and especially of 1883. But the weights and leasures of the goods which we bought and sold cannot, of ourse, be given; if they could, it would probably be found nat in previous years we received from abroad a much maller quantity of wares in return for a larger sum of noney; while, on the other hand, our exports, consisting nostly of wholly or partly manufactured goods, have not een sold by us to the foreigner at reductions at all equivalent o those which he has had to allow us on the raw produce ent by him to this country. Thus, even allowing for the ncrease in population, the amount of merchandise which we nave traded with foreign countries has probably increased ather than decreased. The very considerable growth of our exports for 1887, as compared with the year preceding, is principally accounted for by the improvement in business during the closing months of the year, December especially. In the beginning of 1887 the Board of Trade returns commenced to improve, but during the summer months very little progress was made, and not until the year was well advanced did it become evident that a general wave of revival was again carrying our trade towards better times. The exports for 1887 show an advance upon the returns for 1886 in all branches, except articles of food and drink. Our exports of fish, salt, sugar, and provisions have much decreased, and this fall is but imperfectly balanced by a growth in the exports of beer and spirits, which, temperance advocates will regret to hear, show a steady improvement, particularly to Australia, India, and other British dependencies. The greatest increase in our export trade lies in machinery and metals; next in coal and other fuel; and, thirdly, in yarns and textile fabrics, such as cotton, jute, linen, silk, and wool. Our exports of drugs and chemicals have grown but slightly, viz., from 6,695,893l, in 1886 to 7,028,392l, in 1887. The chief improvement here lies in bleaching materials, medicines of all kinds, and chemical manure. Our exports of alkali, however, which are the mainstay of this section, continue to dwindle, and this, as is abundantly proved by the figures, is entirely due to the protective tariffs of several Continental countries and of the United States. There is a very satisfactory increase in our exports of painters' colours, and also in soap. Of seed oil our exports arc somewhat larger than last year, but this is entirely owing to the fact that our trade with France has suddenly increased sixfold, probably on account of a change in the import duty of that country. This growth does not appear a natural one, and but for it our total trade in this section would show a reduction instead of an improvement. Rc-exports of foreign and colonial produce show up well, and in this section the protective tendencies of Continental nations may be said to work to our direct advantage, for the more native industry is artificially fostered abroad, the greater becomes their dependency upon the central markets of the world, such as London and Liverpool for raw material. Our re-exports of raw cotton, for instance, have grown nearly 50 per cent. in quantity, the principal increase being with Germany and Russia. The efforts now being made to grow cotton in the Central Asian provinces of Russia may deprive us of this customer in time, but meanwhile the Liverpool cotton dealers pocket a part, at any rate, of the losses of the Manchester shippers of cotton goods to Russia. In a similar way this country holds the stock of and does the chief business in wool, caoutchouc, hemp, ivory, jute, indigo, palm oil, and other foreign products; but some large articles show a considerable falling off. Prominent among these are unrefined sugar, coffee, rice, petroleum, and tea, Of the latter article our shipments to Germany, for instance,

declined from 17,921,982 lbs. in 1886 to 8,422,763 lbs. in 1887. The figures relating to cinchona are very instructive, for while since 1882 the quantities shipped increased from 80,014 cwts. to 131,377 cwts., the values fell in the same pariod from 903,332!. to 481,636!., showing the average value of the bark to have been in 1887 only a third of that which prevailed in 1882. The position is reversed in the case of gum arabic, of which the 41,554 cwts. re-exported in 1882 were worth on an average about 43s. 6d. per cwt., while the 41,958 cwts. shipped in 1887 averaged 80s. in value. Our reshipments of palm oil have been the largest known for many ycars, but our foreign trade in petroleum is fast on the way to extinction since the Russian oil has pushed the American out of so many Continental markets.

Our imports during 1887 confirm the favourable impression. of the prospects of our trade. The branches in which there has been a large increase are those of raw materials for manufactures, metals, and articles of food and drink. For our breadstuffs we have become more than ever dependent upon the foreigner, the principal increase of our trade under this heading being with the United States, while our supplies from British India show a corresponding falling off. Our trade in dead meat with the United States has much decreased, but the imports of mutton from Australia and South America are rapidly growing. Nearly all other articles of food, spices excepted, show a substantial increase. Only about one-fourth of the coffee imported here is consumed in this. country, and the quantity we use becomes smaller every year, but the consumption of tea shows a corresponding increase, being now nearly 5 lbs. per head of the population, against. about 5 lb. of coffee. The bulk of our coffee imports last year came from Brazil and Central America, while in 1885. Ceylon still stood at the head of our purveyors. In the supply of tea our East Indian possessions already run China very close as regards bulk, and already surpass her in value.

Our imports of crude drugs in 1887 were worth little morethan half of the declared value under this head in 1883, although the quantity, if it were recorded, would probably show no very large decrease. Unenumerated chemicals. sulphur, nitrate of soda, and saltpetre also show a material decline as compared with previous years, but they are all in excess of 1886. The imports of quicksilver have been the largest recorded for many years, but those of cinchona bark were slightly below the figures for 1885 as regards bulk, and much less in value. The value of our imports of aniline dyes shows a considerable increase; but of cochineal, madder, and indigo we have received less, while cutch and gambier have remained almost stationary. The fact that the sea-borne traffic of the world is controlled by Great Britain was never more manifest than at present; for we find that the tonnage of British ships cleared from this country to foreign ports in 1887 amounted to 23,115,412 tons, and that of foreign vessels to 7,056,024 tons only. Of the arrivals at ports of the British Isles, 19,311,107 tons were British, and 6,688,703 foreign. In 1885 the proportion of foreign to British tonnage in British ports was 143 against 406; in 1886 it was 135 against 402; and in 1887 only 137 against 424.

THE INLAND REVENUE AND THE POSSESSIVE CASE.

A CORRESPONDENCE has lately passed between a well-known firm of chemists at Edinburgh and the Board of Inland Revenue, from which it appears that the Board are inclined to support their officers in Scotland in the claim that preparations labelled as "Blaud's Pills," "Gregory's Powder," "Gregory's Pills," "Hamilton's Pills," "Christison's Pills," and other such preparations, most of them very frequently

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sold in the North, are by such appellations rendered liable to medicine stamp duty. The correspondence began, we are told, in regard to a label on which only the words "Blaud's Pills" were printed; and in defending the use of this label it was pleaded that the pills were not "secret or occult"—that the formula was published in the French Codex, that they were not sold as a proprietary medicine, and, in addition, that they belonged to the same class as "Dr. Gregory's," ⁶ Professor Hamilton's," "Professor Christison's," "Dr. Thompson's," and many others which have from time immemorial been freely sold in Scotland without interference on the part of the Board's officers. The Board in reply stated that they had "no doubt that the use of such labels as 'Dr. Hamilton's Pills,' 'Dr. Christison's Pills,' Blaud's Pills,' &c., bearing, in addition, the name and address of the compounder, must, in strictness, be regarded as indicating that those medicines are held out 'as nostrums, or proprietary medicines, or as specifics,' and that, therefore, medicine stamp duty ought to be paid in respect of them."

The above is the important passage of their letter. They go on to say that they would not be disposed to favour prosecutions in such cases if the formula were printed on the labels before the word "pills" (in the case of Dr. Christison's or Dr. Hamilton's), or if (in the case of Blaud's Pills) a statement appeared on the label to the effect that the pills were prepared in accordance with the French Pharmacopoia. Of course such statements would not prevent the pills being rendered liable by other words on the labels, or by public notices or advertisements. After some more correspondence we understand the discussion was brought to the knowledge of the President of the Pharmaceutical Society, who visited the authorities at Somerset House, and on his suggestion labels were drawn up which the Board, after consideration, agreed to regard as not liable to stamp duty. These were worded thus :--

Compound	Colocynth	Aperient
Colocynth	and Henbane	Pills
Pills	Pills	(Christison)
(Gregory)	(Hamilton)	

It seems to us that this is a very lame and unsatisfactory conclusion. The interference with legitimate trade which the Board of Inland Revenue are attempting, if they are going to claim that every title of a medicine, where a name in a possessive case is used, renders that medicine liable to medicinc-stamp duty, is such that it presents an opportunity for a display of that latent combativeness which Mr. Carteighe announced last May. The Pharmaceutical Council, he said, at the annual meeting of the Society, could not take up individual grievances, could never become a trade protection society, but would act in cases which affected the interests of the whole craft. In the case raised the Board of Inland Revenue are claiming what we do not believe they could maintain. When a chemist sells Gregory's Powder, or Huxham's Tincture, Dover's Powder, or Griffiths's Mixture, he neither "hath, nor claims to have, any occult secret or art for the making or preparing the same, nor hath, nor claims to have, any exclusive right or title to the making or preparing the same." Of course he may make his Gregory's powder liable by recommending it in print for this or that complaint, but this is not the point in question just now. The Board say that by the bare title "Blaud's Pills," "Christison's Pills," "Gregory's Powder," the vendor holds out the preparation as a nostrum, or proprietary medicine, or specific. We say he does nothing of the sort; and if the case were fought out the trade could overwhelm a court with evidence that such [titles are common property and in universal employment, and therefore are not in any sense proprietary, or capable of defining nostrums

(which is only Latin for proprietary). It cannot be expected that a single firm will fight this question with the Board, but if the Pharmaceutical Council will not take it up, there ought to be interest enough in the question to get it properly argued out by some outside body.

THE NATION'S DEATH ROLL.

THOSE who follow the periodical returns of the Registrar General for England and Wales cannot fail to be interested in the mass of material valuable to the statist which is presented in the annual report. In several respects the report for the year 1886 is of special value. The daily press has made the most of the marriage statistics, which are of exceptional interest this year. It appears that matrimony is gradually losing its hold on us as a nation. During the twenty years preceding 1884 the marriage rate fluctuated between 140 and 16.0 per 1,000, but in 1886 it had fallen to 13.1 per 1,000 for the United Kingdom. In England and Wales during the latter year 14:1 was the rate, in Scotland it was 12.4, and in Ireland 8.4—these in all cases being the lowest recorded proportions. Concurrently with this, the birth and death rates have fallen, as also has the proportion of illegitimate births. The birth-rate for 1886 was 31.3 per 1,000, and the death-rate 19.0, taking the population at 36,709,477. Ireland, in spite of the miserable condition of its rural population, has the lowest death-rate, 17.9. England and Wales the highest, viz., 19.3. It is with the latter that we now propose to deal in some detail regarding the causes of death.

Physicians of all schools have always agreed that a common cold may be the precursor of serious complaints. Bronchitis, asthma, phthisis, and bronchial affections generally have usually their origin in a common cold, whether there is hereditary predisposition to them or not. That fact becomes more patent in these days of fogs and changeable temperature; but few imagine that one death in every five is due to diseases of this nature. The total number of deaths in 1886 was 537,276, and the proportion per million of deaths from the diseases which are more or less connected with a common cold were as follows:—

Bronchitis	 	114,352	Pleurisy 2,7	730
Phthisis	 	89,101	Laryngitis 2,6	088
Pneumonia	 	52,297	Sore throat, quinsy 1,1	24
Whooping-cough	 	24,077		154
Cronp	 		Other diseases of respiratory	
Asthma, &c.	 	4,530	organs 9,9	321

To this list might be added such diseases as diphtheria and rheumatic fever, which together are the cause of fully 1 per cent. of the total number of deaths. In the case of bronchitis nearly one-half of the deaths are of children under five years (fully a half of these are under one year), but between the fifth and twenty-fifth year there is a break in the mortality, which again becomes accentuated after full manhood and womanhood are reached. Asthma, on the other hand, begins to thin the ranks of sufferers to a notable extent only at the thirty-fifth year, and increases in fatality as age advances. Phthisis carries off about one-half of its victims between their twenty-fifth and forty-fifth year, while pneumonia is especially fatal to young children and elderly people. It is a noteworthy fact that the deaths from phthisis are lower than they have ever been, the proportion being 1,718 to a million living persons. In 1880 the figure first fell below the 2,000, previous to that it had been as high as 2,602 (in 1866), but from that year there was a fairlymaintained decline. We may assume, without actual details before us, that this decreased mortality is mainly due to greater facilities for emigration and to improved treatment,

for while the mean temperature of the air has been above the average during fifteen of the twenty-seven years, the mean dryness has been the reverse.

Apart from diseases of the respiratory organs, the principal causes of death are diseases of the circulatory and nervous systems, and zymotic diseases. Cancer was the cause of 16,243 deaths (10,489 females), and is increasing alarmingly, it being now 50 per cent. more common than it was twenty years ago. Diarrhœa was again higher, while measles decreased slightly in fatality, although still considerably above the average. The deaths from searlet fever sank to a rate lower than has been experienced sinee 1862, and for this reason is the subject of special comment.

During the past twenty-seven years nearly half a million deaths have occurred from scarlet fever, and the existence of the statistics regarding these deaths enables the Registrar-General to examine the relations in which the disease stands to age and sex. As to age, the statistics show that the disease rises to a maximum of mortality in the third year, when it is about 4,500 per million living, in the fourth and fifth year it is about 1,000 less, and in the sixth year it has fallen to 1,650, or thereabouts, for both sexes. After that the decrease is rapid. It also happens that up to the tenth year the male mortality is greater than the female, and after that period the reverse is the case; but further investigation by the aid of the statistics of London and Christiania hospitals proves that this is only apparent—the case mortality (that is, deaths per 1,000 of individuals attacked) is higher amongst males from the first year, although there is abundant statistical proof that females are more liable to attack. Sex, therefore, contrary to the common belief, does have an influence on the chances of recovery; but this difference is as nothing in comparison with the influence of age. The diminution of mortality is due to three causes-(1) the increased proportion of persons at each age period who have been attacked and have recovered; (2) consequent nonliability to a second attack; and (3) less risk of fatality by an attack. This inquiry proves how fallacious is the rather callous belief that when scarlet fever attacks one member of a family the rest may as well have it and be 'done with it: whereas the longer a person lives without having scarlet fever the less is that person likely to be attacked, or to succumb if attacked.

Last week we gave particulars of the cases of death from poisoning which were registered during the year. There were altogether 609 deaths attributable to this cause, 329 of them being accidental, equivalent to 12 per 1,000,000 of living persons, 10 per 1,000,000 being the proportion of suicides. These numbers are lower than in the previous year, when there were 343 accidental and 280 suicidal cases of poisoning. The total number of suicides during the year was 2,254, or 80 per 1,000,000—a very high rate. Roughly speaking, only one of every eight suicides is due to poison.

POISONOUS PATENT MEDICINES.

THE December number of the Chemist and Druggist of Australasia contains some interesting reports of a round of prosecutions instituted by the Pharmacy Board of Victoria against unqualified dealers in poisons. The most notable of these were actions against storekeepers and others for selling certain patent medicines alleged to contain poisons without fully complying with the conditions laid down by law. The Victorian Poisons Act, like that of Great Britain, exempts the sale of patent medicines from the prohibitory clauses; but the way the exemption is worded is different

from that adopted in the British Act, and is worth quoting. Section 13 of the Act reads as follows:—

"This Act shall not extend to the sale of any poison when made up or compounded as a medicine according to the prescription of a legally-qualified medical practitioner, or in the form of a homocopathic medicine unless in the crude state. mother tincture, or of a greater strength than the third decimal potency; nor to the sale of patent or proprietary medicines, nor to the sale of photographic materials for the purpose of photography; nor to the sale of medicines dispensed by veterinary surgeons for animals under their treatment; nor to the sale of fly-poison papers, or packets of poisonous mixtures, save and except poisoned seed for the destruction of vermin, when duly marked as such; nor shall it extend to any sales by wholesale dealers in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing, if an order in writing, signed by the purchaser, shall be given for the supply of the same, provided that all such sales shall be entered in a book, and that the bottle or other vessel, wrapper, or cover, box, or case, immediately containing the poison be labelled as required by this Act.

It will be seen that under this clause the sale of all patent medicines is permitted to all sorts and conditions of persons, but it seems to be recognised in Victoria that vendors are required to observe the regular labelling and other conditions when selling such medicines as may contain poisons. This is the law also in Great Britain, though it is habitually disregarded by most vendors, qualified and unqualified. But it is not very clearly expressed in the Victorian Act, as the requirement that "such sales" shall be treated in such a manner may be construed as applying only to wholesale transactions. Any way, if it applies to patent medicines, it affects qualified and unqualified dealers alike, and unless the Victorian pharmacists are much more particular than those of Great Britain, it would seem as if the Pharmacy Board of that colony had taken action in these patentmedicine prosecutions rather too exclusively in the interests of the trade.

First, on November 7, they prosecuted two storekeepers in North and South Preston. Their detective had purchased at one store a bottle of Kay's essence of linseed, and at the other a bottle of chlorodyne. In both cases the bottles were labelled "Poison," but the complaint was that they did not bear the name and address of the sellers on the bottles. Mr. Blackett, the Government analyst, certified the presence of poison in each case, and the defendants only got off on the technical defence that there was no corroborative evidence that the medicines examined by Mr. Blackett were the identical articles sold by the defendants. On this ground the magistrates decided to dismiss the cases, but notice of appeal was given on behalf of the Board. At Mornington the next day a storekeeper was fined 10s. and 30s. for selling chlorodyne, the Bench remarking that he was liable [to a penalty of 201] At Salc, on November 15, Cromie, a storekeeper, was fined 5s. and costs for selling without proper precautions a bottle of Kay's essence of linseed, for which he charged 1°. 3d. Mr Blackett said it was composed of chloroform, morphia, sugar, and other substances. M'Donald, a grocer, had sold a bottle of pain-killer and a packet of "Steadman's" soothing powder, and was fined 1l. in each case. Mr. Blackett said the powder contained opium, starch, sugar, &c., and the pain-killer contained, amongst other ingredients, opium, spirits, and camphor. Another grocer, named Harkness, had sold pain-killer and Winslow's soothing syrup, and Mr. Blackett said both articles contained opium, and the vendor paid 5s. and costs in respect of each sale. At Lancefield, on November 22, a Mr. Neal had to pay 10s. and 35s. costs for selling chlorodyne, not having entered the sale in a book. A similar fine was imposed on Thomas J. Jackman in respect of a sale of painkiller. At Geelong, on November 28, Robert Scott was

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charged with having sold Kay's essence, and from the evidence it appeared that he had declined to sell a single bottle, saying he only sold wholesale. Consequently, half-adozen bottles were hought for 5s. 9d. The defendant got off on payment of costs, which amounted to the substantial sum of 2l. 2s., the evidence not being clear that he was present when the sale was effected. In another case Robert McCann proved an *alibi*, and he got off altogether; but Charles Rumpf, who himself sold a poisonous patent-medicine, was fined 5s., in addition to the 2l. 2s. costs.

Besides these cases there were several others concerning sales of poisons, properly so called, the reports of which present no feature of special interest. The activity of the Pharmacy Board of Victoria is worthy of all commendation, but as this body is especially entrusted with the administration of the Act in the public interest, they should be care ful to show no partiality. Moreover, the enforcement of the poisons regulations in all cases where they may perhaps strictly apply, without due discretion, is not likely to promote anybody's interests—those of pharmacists least of all,

The Versailles are city of 50,000 inhabitants, and is served with medicines by some twenty pharmaciens. These gentlemen have accomplished during the past two years a feat which has seemed impossible to all other pharmacists. Our Paris correspondent has told us how rigidly advertisements are excluded from the walls of Versailles, and how exactly faithful in this and other details of their plan the subscribers to it have been. We are still in the dark as to the legal right of these twenty interested individuals to the control of all the walls and hoardings of the city in which they dwell, but suppose that has occn arranged somehow. We append a translation of the Versailles agreement as follows:—

'The undersigned agree (1) to sell all pharmaceutical specialties [i.e. proprietary articles] at the same rate, viz. 10 per cent. discount from the marked price. When six packages are sold at a time, 15 per cent. discount may be allowed, and no more. On articles retailing at less than 1f. (10d.) only 5 centimes $(\frac{1}{2}d.)$ discount shall be allowed. (2) All advertising of specialties, pharmaceuticals, drugs, mineral waters, &c.—either through showcards, posted bills, circulars, almanaes, &c., or in any way whatsoever—shall be interdicted either in or outside of Versailles. Arrangements shall be made with the bill-posters to have all bills removed within eight days. (3) Versailles pharmacists may advertise their own specialised products, or such as they are agents for, but in all cases the maximum discount shall not exceed 10 per cent. off marked prices. (4) A committee of five shall be elected to give explanations and receive remarks or complaints respecting infractions of the present agreement. (5) The agreement shall take effect from March 28, 1886, when signed by all the Versailles pharmacists, and a copy of the covenant shall he handed to cach one of the contracting parties. (6) Should unfair competition (concurrence déloyale) arise, either through the act of one of the signers of the agreement or some new-comer, all pharmacists promise not to take individual action, but to follow such general measures as may be decided upon at a meeting called by the committee. (7) Announcements like the following shall not be made by pharmacists:—'Reduced prices,' 'Great reduction in prices,' 'The cheapest pharmacy in town,' &c., &c. (8) Any pharmacist who shall break his word of honour to keep the foregoing covenant agrees to forfeit, upon conviction, the sum of 500f., to be paid into the Society's fund."

Looking Forward. Somebody "in outside quarters" has been writing or remarking disrespectfully concerning the great research laboratory scheme of the Pharmaceutical Society. Surely Mr. Atkins is not alluded to. He is one of the insidest of the little circle which governs everything pharmaceutical, and he is "an enthusiastic admirer of the research worker and his work," and would gladly see the Pharmaceutical Society undertake such work; but he did announce, if not "in outside quarters," at least in an

ante-room, that the Society had not got the money, and could not carry out the scheme they had planned. But the Council have passed a resolution that they will have a research laboratory—a 300l. a year one instead of a 500l. a year one, as was at first intended; so that proves, according to the Pharmaceutical Journal, how foolish those people are, in outside quarters, who attempt to write the history of the future. It may be questioned, however, whether they can compete in folly with those very superior persons who plan out their magnificent schemes for the future, and set committees to work at them for three or four years before they seriously consider what with other people would be the pre-liminary inquiry—whether they have or have not got the money.

Medical In *Time* for January, Mrs. A. T. Vanderbilt, authoress of "What to Do with our Girls," has an article, giving brief but apparently correct for Ladies. particulars of the steps to be taken by ladies wishing to graduate into any branch of the medical profession. A special section of the article is devoted to an exposition of the legal requirements connected with the business of a chemist and druggist, which Mrs. Vanderbilt scems to regard as a specially suitable occupation for ladies. She says:-"The business of a chemist and druggist is usually considered remunerative, and as returning a higher rate of interest for the capital invested than any other trade; it is one specially adapted to the daughters of country medical men, who in many instances have acquired some practical knowledge of dispensing and of the properties of the various drugs. Several ladies have already qualified themselves as pharmaceutical chemists, and are doing a good trade. One has been established over ten years. The capital required to start in business is from 300*l*. upwards. Ladies who wish to embark in it can now do so, as the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Society arc open to them."

Stories often get magnified in the telling, and Research it is seldom that we hear of the opposite; but in a this cannot be said of the research laboratory Muddle. scheme which some United States papers have lately heralded thus cogently (we quote from the *Druggists'* Bulletin):—"We learn from The National Druggist that the Chemists' (Pharmacists') Assistants' Association of London has proposed the erection of a laboratory for pharmaceutical research. The association adopted the resolution with but one dissenting voice. The laboratory is not to be established by the London society, adds the Bulletin, but by the British Pharmaceutical Association, provided that organisation decides to adopt the recommendation of the city druggists. The estimated expense will be about \$50,000, with an annual output of \$3,000 for running expenses. The work will be of the nature of determining the best methods of isolating alkaloids, standardising galenical preparations, and similar investigations." This ought to please the assistants, but the "city druggists" may well complain of being burdened with a proposal which they never dreamed of.

It will be remembered that at the last inter-The Milan national congress of pharmacists, which took Pharmaplace in Brussels in July, 1885, it was decided ceutical that the next meeting should be held at Milan Congress. in the summer of 1888. M. Canizzaro, the eminent Italian chemist, who was present at the Brussels gathering, promised that the Pharmaceutical Society of Milan would undertake the organisation of the next congress. Hitherto, however, the prospects of an international meeting at Milan this year do not seem very bright. We have a communication, dated January 5, from the secretary of the Pharmaceutical Association of Florence, who says:-"I have tried to gather information in Milan on the subject of the international congress, but I am only able to tell you that until now nobody there has even so much as mentioned anything about it; from which I judge that no congress is likely to be held at all in 1888." The official authorisation of the "International Pharmacopæia," on which so many years' labour was spent, is still, therefore, in the dim and distant future, and the book itself, if it even gets authorised, will have become obsolete.

SOME DRUGGISTS' SPECIALITIES.

The Sinew column has been received with great favour by our subscribers, a number of whom write in commentation of its utility, and send contributions to it. From the we make the following selections. Hints as to the purpose up of specialities, such as new styles, attractive latting, &c., also come within the scope of this column, and we write exchange of ideas thereon.

Bloom of Roses for the Toilet, &c.

Pure carmine	 	1 OZ.
Ess. white rose	 	3 fl. oz
Sol. of potass. B.P.	 	6 fl. drachms
Water, to make	 	20 fl. oz.

lee see art. Set aside for a few days, agitate occasionally, fin y filter.

To above is excellent in every respect.

"TULIP."

Cherry Tooth Paste.

Precipitated chalk	 • •	 2 lbs.
Rose pink	 	 1 lb.
Powdered orris	 	 4 oz.
Glycerine	 	 4 oz.
Honey	 	 8 oz.
English oil of lavender	 	 Зij.
Oil of cinnamon	 	 3ss.
Oil of bergamot	 	 3ij.

wder and sift the solids, beat well with the other ingredients, and a w to stand a month. If at that time the paste is too stiff, reduce with ver only.

Ess. Jockey Club.

Ess. jasmine	 	 	4 oz.
Otto rose	 	 	1 drachm
Ess. musk	 	 	1 oz.
Ess. Tonquin	 	 	2 oz.
S. V. R	 	 	9 oz.

Mix.

Mixture for Nervous Headachc.

Attraction states that he has found the following mixture tanswer well:—

Citrate of iron and quinine	 	• •	3j.
Bromide of potassium	 		Зij.
Tincture of orange	 		3j.
Syrup	 		3v.
Water, to	 		3∀i.

Make a mixture, of which the dose is a table spoonful twice or thrice a

Toothache Cure.

Mr. R. Chapman states that he sells the following in large antities, and that it is very successful. We may add that e preparation is known as "Carbolic Colloid," and is a vourite preparation with many druggists. A 2-drachm lial sells for 6d.

Carbolie acid (No. 1.)	 	 	Зj.
Flexible collodion	 	 	3i.

Dissolve the acid by heat, and mix it with the collodion by a brisk take. May be coloured with saffron. (Plain collodion is better than the exible.)

Directions.—A small piece on the point of a pin to be placed in the tooth ad covered with a bit of dry cotton-wool.

Balsamic Cough Mixture.

"The formula given below is a little unusual," writes Regent, "but the mixture made from it I have found to be in excellent one for the tickling cough, which requires a ocal application as well as a cough mixture. The mucilages excellent for this purpose."

Mueilage of aeaeia		 	 Ξj.
Tineture of Virginian	prane	 	 Зij.
Ipccaenanha wine		 	 3j.
Syrup of tolu		 • •	 3iij.
Chloric other (Duncan	's)	 	 388.
Paregoric elixir		 	 3j.
Syrup to		 	 3iij

Mix

Dose .- A teaspoonful slowly sipped when the cough troubles.

THE HOMEOPATHIC HERESY.

THE discussion in the *Times*, initiated by Lord Grimthorpe in consequence of the trial between Mr. Kenneth Mills in consequence of the trial between Mr. Kenneth Millican and the managers of the Jubilee Hospital, has called forth some very able letters on both sides, and homeopathic controversialists have had the best chance of measuring swords with their opponents which has occurred to them for years. Their most effective foe has been a writer who, under the initials "R. B. C.," only thinly veils the identity of Mr. Robert Brudenell Carter. Of course he and others on his side make the utmost of the mistakes and exaggerations of Hahnemann and his followers; the psora theory and the doctrine of potentialising by trituration are brought in with much effect. But the homocopaths might reply with force to these criticisms if they would only recognise the possi-bility that their "master," as they term him, was fallible. They risk their case by their unnecessary faithfulness to his memory and to each other. "R. B. C." also repeats an old charge which seriously affects chemists, and which there is no means of proving or disproving. According to current report in the drug trade, he says, "the pilules sold to old ladics do not contain a particle of the various medicaments after which they are respectively named. They are made in bulk of pure sugar, and are distributed, when finished, into bottles bearing different labels." Being challenged in regard to that assertion, he intimates first that he does not believe the alleged attenuations of the homocopaths to be possible. His argument in this respect has a special pharmaceutical interest. The answer to the inquiry, he points out, manifestly depends upon the number of portions or pieces into which a grain of solid or a drop of fluid is physically divisible. Dover's powder is instanced as perhaps the finest division of solids known to pharmacy. But "R. B. C." says that Mr. Brownen, F.C.S., having examined for him some samples of this powder, which have been long triturated, reports that the individual particles vary in magnitude from the 110th to the 600th of an inch in diameter. "The smallest particles would be those of sulphate of potash, but let us take the mean, 350th of an inch, as the average size of the opium particles; 122,500 of such particles would cover a square inch, and I should conjecture that two layers of them or this extent would weigh a grain. If so, we have 245,000 particles of opium in the grain. We add to these 99 grains of sugar of milk, and triturate the prescribed number of times. Assuming, which is a very large assumption, that the admixture of the two powders is complete, a grain of the result would contain 2,450 particles of opium. This grain is added to a further 99 grains of sugar; and each grain of the mixture should then contain 24 particles and half a particle (how is the half particle to be obtained?) of opium. Such a grain added to 99 grains more of sugar will contain enough opium particles to supply 24 grains of the result with a particle each, while the other 76 grains will be left destitute. This will be the so-called third attenuation, which is supposed to leave in the material of each globule a millionth of a grain of the medicine; but which, if the medicine can only be divided into a quarter of a million of pieces, can only furnish one globule out of four with a dose of four times the presumed quantity.'

"In the case of fluids (we continue to quote from "R. B. C.") we have less definite guidance, and it is impossible to say to what extent a drop of spirit and water, holding some medicinal matter in suspension or solution, may be split up and distributed by admixture with a larger bulk. The apparently equal division of colour, which occurs when a drop of carmine solution or of blood is added to a pint or so of water, is of no value as a test, because the structure of the eye renders what, in relation to the subject before us, would be only a coarse mottling quite undistinguishable from uniformity. The colour of human blood, for example, is due to the suspension in fluid of red disc-like particles, which individually measure from the 3,000th to the 5,000th of an inch in diameter, and have an average thickness of the 10,000th of an inch. most minute artificial division into particles of which we have any knowledge is that which exists in fatty emulsions, as naturally in milk, the white colour of which is due to suspended fat globules. Mr. Brownen tells me that the finest known division of fat in an emulsion gives particles ranging in diameter from the 20,000th to the 30,000th of an inch; but a particle of medicine of the 30,000th of an inch in dia-

meter would far more than suffice, on homecopathic principles, to medicate the combined Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. In the absence of exact knowledge we may, in the words of South, avail ourselves of the expedients by which reason supplies the want of the reports of sense; and it is obvious that the finest conceivable division of a drop of fluid must be into the molecules of which it is composed. I speak from recollection when I say that Sir William Thomson has lately endeavoured to give a notion of the probable size of the molecules of water by saying that if a drop of water were magnified to the size of the earth the individual molecules would appear to be something between cricket balls and cannon balls. Let us suppose them to be spheres 3 inches in diameter. A cubic foot would contain sixty-four of such spheres, and the earth contains approximately 4,000,000,000 of cubic feet. Hence, on the scale supposed, the molecules in a drop of water would be 256 thousand millions in number, or 256 tollowed by nine 0's. That is, they would be only 6,000,000 more than a quarter of a billion, and their total number would fall short of a decillion, which is expressed by unity followed by 60 0's, by no less than 49 places of figures! A division into millionths of a drop is therefore conceivable; but a division into billionths, a favourite homeeopathic quantity, would require the splitting up of each molecule into four parts—that is, its separation into its constituent atoms—with corresponding loss of its identity. It must be remembered, moreover, that the possible millionth is only predicable of the drop itself, and not at all of the medication of which it is the carrier or menstruum. I think these considerations show that the supposed homeopatbic divisions are unattainable, and therefore render superfluous such calculations as those of Sir James Simpson, who showed that, if a man had to take a grain of medicine divided into billionths, each of which was contained in a globule, he would have to swallow one globule every second, night and day without ceasing, for 30,000 years in order to accomplish his task."

But whether possible or not, "R. B. C." does not believe that manufacturers of bomceopathic medicines attempt to accomplish the medication of their pilules. "Several years ago, he says, I was in conversation with a very scrupulous and conscientious man, a chemist in a provincial town, who kept a stock of homespathic medicines for any customers who might wish to purchase them. He told me that he had recently engage I an assistant, a qualified chemist and a member of the Pharmaceutical Society, who had been employed, before coming to him, in the business of well-known homeopathic chemists in London. On the morning of our conversation, a lady came into my informant's shop and asked for certain globules. He expressed regret that he had none left of this particular kind, but undertook to telegraph to London and to have a supply sent down by an early train. As soon as the lady left the shop, the new assistant expostulated with his employer, and assured him that where he had been there was no difference between the globules, but that they were sent from the manufacturers in bulk, and were used to refill any bottles which happened to be getting low. My informant was greatly shocked, and told me the story on account of the strong impression which it made upon his mind." He also quotes statements published in the Medical Times for 1858, professing to come from manufacturers of the medicines, corroborating the foregoing.

In the same issue of the Times as that in which "R. B C.'s" letter appears there is also one from Mr. Ross, of the firm of Leath & Ross, replying to the accusation first made. Mr. Ross asks, "Would any homocopathic chemist who has his living to get, and whose reputation depends upon the integrity and fidelity with which he prepares his medicines, be such a fool as to jeopardise both his reputation and character by such a course as this? Besides, both the patient and medical man would soon detect the fraud, and instead of being a gainer he would be a loser by his nefarious conduct. As a homeopathic chemist, I can bear testimony to the care, both in the selection of drugs and the strict regard paid in carrying out the pharmaceutical processes necessary to the preparation of homocopathic medicines, exercised by all my brethren in the trade; and I feel sure that there is not one among them who would be guilty of such imposition, either upon their patrons in general or the medical men practising as homeopathic physicians.

In the next day's Temes "F. G. S." shows that there is a trifling error in "R. B. C.'s" interesting calculation. The

earth (says "R. B. C.") contains approximately 4,000,000,000 cubic feet. "F. G. S." says it contains about 250,000,000,000 cubic miles, and each cubic mile contains about 130,000,000,000 cubic feet. "R. B. C." is, therefore, out in his estimate by more thousands of millions than we have room for.

"A Sceptic," who professes to be a layman, attacks what he calls the splendid audacity of the pretensions of medical authorities to science in a very clever letter, from which the

following is an extract:-

"I have just opened at random 'Ringer's Handbook of Therapeutics.' It opened at nux vomica, and as that is a drug used in both schools it is interesting to learn what medical knowledge about it comes to. Ringer, be it observed, is a doctor just about as good as they make them. He has got all the pathology, and so forth, at his fingers' ends. He can tell you what happens when you inject a medicine, and cut this or the other nerve, or tie up this or the other duct. When a man or a frog dies under treatment Ringer knows which nervous centre was affected by the poison. I opened his book at page 553, right in the middle of nux vomica, and the first thing I read was this—'The tincture or extract of nux vomica has long been employed to correct constipation, habitual or temporary.' This looked like knowledge, and I went on cheerfully. Presently I read:—

"'As our knowledge of the action of nux vomica in its relation to constipation is at present imperfect the results appear to be capricious. It is as well, therefore, not to be too sarguine of success, for in some cases it answers beyond all expectation, while in other, apparently similar, cases it com-

pletely fails.'

"Is not this a perfectly lovely specimen of 'science'? Nux vomica is an exceedingly well-known drug, constantly in use either under its own name or as strychnia, which is its active principle. Constipation is one of the most familiar of all maladies, offering boundless facilities for the exercise of a scientific method. Ringer is one of the persons best equipped, by knowledge of pathology on one side and of drugs on the other, to apply the right drug with the unerring exactitude of science. What does it all come to? Why, just this, that the exponent of science, the master of that 'medical knowledge so arrogantly vaunted by your correspondents, dealing with a common-place ailment and an everyday drug, knows no more what that drug will do for a given patient than the first old woman he might meet in the street. He will try it and see what bappens—that is all. Wby, I could do just as much for myself, at any rate, with the aid of one of the homeopathic manuals that excite the derision of lofty scientific spirits.

"However, there are weak points in every system, and as nux vomica might not be Ringer's 'strong suit,' I turned to his index in order to see what else he could do for constipation. I found no end of things recommended—aloes, belladonna, Carlsbad water, coffee, cascara, croton oil, jalap, rhubarb, senna, guaiacum, magnesia, sulphate of potash (sometimes poisonous, but you can only find out by trying whether it is so or not in a given case), mercury, oranges, and ever so many more. I turned up a number of these remedies, and searched in vain for a cure for constipation. These drugs, most of them quite familiar to the old woman before mentioned, are only laxatives or purgatives. That is to say, they relieve constipation, but do not remove the condition on which it depends, any more than baling out a boat stops the leak in its bottom. Ringer does not know any cure for constipation, and he does not know, except by direct experiment upon the patient, which is the best palliative in any given case. They call this sort of thing science, and medical knowledge, and pathology, and Heaven knows how many other fine names! On the strength of this blundering guess-work they come down in thunders of indignation upon the poor homocopath who, at worst, only adds one more guess to the pile, and whose stuff, to take their account of it, is at least in no danger of turning out poisonous like their sulphate of potash. Can you conceive anything more ludicrous than this fine Ephesian rage?

To detect alcohol in oil of lemons, place a little of the oil in a dry test-tube, and dust a little powdered fuchsin over the oil, then heat to boiling. If it is free from alcohol, the fuchsin remains unchanged; but if the oil contains even 0.1 per cent. of alcohol, a red edge is produced round each particle of fuchsin.

Trade Report.

lice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

, should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., January 12.

USINESS has scarcely as yet assumed its normal condition, all transactions having been greatly impeded this ek by the continued fog which enveloped the metropolis. e drug auctions were extremely heavy, and nine of the neteen catalogues had to be postponed until to-morrow. e principal alterations of the week, which in no instance e very violent ones, may be summed up in a few words. heavy chemicals, sulphate of ammonia and nitrate of soda e dearer, while soda crystals are a shade weaker on the me. As regards fine chemicals the advance in cocaine, mich we reported as imminent last week, has actually mmenced. But, on the other hand, quinine is omentarily lower, and quicksilver has further declined, llowed, of course, by all mercurials. Glycerine is eaker, and so is citric acid. Drysalteries are mostly niet. Shellac had a further fall in the beginning of the eek, but at the close it is rallying again. Japan wax is sier. Cocoa butter sold cheaper at the auctions. Essential Is are in many cases advancing, especially is this the se with French and Italian oils, Algerian geranium and apanese peppermint, while menthol is also dearer. In the rug market we have to chronicle a rise in cubebs, gamboge, pecacuanha, saffron, vanilla, and good quality rhubarb, while oney may be dearer shortly. Musk, senna, and Jamaica rsaparilla arc easier.

The new year has not commenced very auspiciously, so ar as the public sales are concerned. On Tuesday a fog ung over the City, so dense as to prevent the proper inspecion of any of the goods offered for sale; and when the hellac auctions were due to commence, the broker whose mame was first on the list asked whether the buyers would, be thanked, like the sales to be postponed. This suggestion was strongly objected to by Messrs. Johnson, Rolls & Co., who hought that it was the business of the brokers rather than the buyers to decide about the postponement of the auctions. At the request of Messrs. King & Hovil a show of hands was hen taken, when the majority voted for the postponement of he auctions until Tuesday, the 17th inst. Messrs. Johnson, Rolls & Co. and H. Dalton & Co., however, proceeded with their sales in spite of the wish of the majority.

The fog interfered not only with the drysaltery auctions on Tuesday but also prevented the holding of the spice sales on the day following, and these auctions were accordingly postponed until Friday, a delay which must necessarily cause much inconvenience.

ACID (CITRIC) might now be bought on the spot at a slightly lower price, say 1s. 8\frac{1}{4}d. per lb., but it is claimed that Lawes's make has sold for forward delivery at 1s. 9d. per lb.

ACID (OXALIC) very dull of sale at 4d, per lb. Sal acetos is nominally worth 6d, per lb.

ACID (TARTARIC) fairly steady at 1s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$, to 1s. $6\frac{5}{8}d$. per lb. for foreign on the spot. English held at 1s. 7d.

ALOES.—Less than one-half of the quantity catalogued was reached to-day. Of Cape nothing was sold, holders not being able to obtain their limits; they want 25s. 6d. for good bright hard quality, rather a full price, and 21s. for dull drossy. A parcel of 60 packages Curaçao was partly disposed of, fair red liver, 67s. 6d.; dark, 30s. to 35s.; good Capey, 30s.; and ordinary brown, at 17s. per cwt. A large

number of kegs of dark hard East India aloes (socotrine) were offcred; 4l. 7s. 6d. was refused for the best, which were bought in at 5l. 10s. per cwt. Sixteen cases Zanzibar bought in at 95s. for hard brown in skins, 75s. for dark in tins, and 85s. to 90s. for treadly aloes of very fine bright orange colour.

AMBERGRIS.—The auctions included the exceptionally large supply of 22 packages, mostly of recent import. Several tins sold—fair pale grey up to 88s. per oz., other parcels at 86s. and 80s. per oz.; also a small quantity inferior spermaceti-looking substance at 20s. per oz. A large proportion of the lots offered was imported from New Zealand.

ANISE.—Fair Russian seeds, dusty as usual, are limited at 21s. per cwt.

ANNATTO without demand. Several parcels seed were bought in at $3\frac{1}{2}d$. for good Ceylon and West Indian. A small parcel rather dark Java seed is held at $2\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. Forty baskets Pará roll annatto were also brought forward but found no purchasers. The lots were bought in at from 1s. 6d. to 2s. per lb.; less would be taken no doubt.

ARSENIC remains very firm at 11s. 6d. per cwt. for white powder.

BAEL FRUIT.—Only five bags dull and slightly mouldy pieces changed hands at \(\frac{1}{2}d \), per lb.

BALSAMS.— Canada firm at 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d. per lb. Copaiba not offering at present, none being apparently available. Peru without much demand, although 4s. 6d. per lb. was paid for one case of good quality. Tolu neglected.

BLEACHING POWDER.—The market is dull at the recent decline, and prices remain $8l.\ 10s.$ London spot, and $7l.\ 10s.$ to $7l.\ 12s.\ 6d.$ on the Tyne.

BUCHU.—Several parcels were shown to-day, but the demand is entirely stagnant, and only two bales round, rather discoloured, sold at $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. Good round but stalky were bought in at 3d., and long at 8d. to 11d. per lb.

CALUMBA.—Common qualities are still in very large supply, the drug auctions including 1,237 bags, of which about one-fourth was held over until to-morrow. The bulk of the root offered was not above medium quality, and only 252 bags were sold at 10s. and 12s. for dark, mixed-size d, wormy, and down to 5s. per cwt. for very common root.

CANELLA ALBA.—Twenty-six bales very broken, darkish quill, bought in at 25s. per cwt.; damaged at 20s. to 22s per cwt.

CANNABIS INDICA neglected. Dull seedy tops bought in at $1\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb., 13 bales green but very stalky at $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb

CANTHARIDES.—Very quiet. Good Russian flics bought in at 7s. per 1b., 4s. 6d. being refused. Several lots of Chinese cantharides will be reached to-morrow.

CARDAMOMS.—The auctions comprised the large quantity of 239 packages, all of Ceylon growth. The assortment was a pretty good one, but, owing to the bad light in which the samples had to be inspected, valuation was difficult. The bulk of the cardamoms catalogued was offered to-day, and sold at firm prices, occasionally a shade above the rates paid at the last auctions. Ceylon, Malabar, and Mysore kinds realised 2s. 6d. to 2s. 7d. for fine bold pale smooth, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 5d. for bold plump yellowish, 2s. 2d. for very pale bleached long, 2s. to 2s. 1d. for smaller ditto and medium to bold heavy yellow, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d. for small to medium pale, 1s. to 1s. 6d. for very small pale, 1s. for ordinary shelly, 9d. for small and husky. Dull Tellicherry held at 7d. Seed sold at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. The following figures refer to the exports of cardamoms from Ceylon from October 1 until Deeember 15:—1887, 76,777 lbs.; 1886, 391,153 lbs.; 1885, 47,438 lbs.; 1884, 22,936 lbs.

CASSIA FISTULA.—Eleven bags rather thin West Indian pods sold at 18s. per cwt., 57 bags wormy Java bought in at 20s. per cwt.

CINCHONA.—A fairly heavy parcel Lima bark, rather pale, partly mossy; broken quill will not be reached until tomorrow; meanwhile one lot of ordinary quality sold at 4d. to-day; 136 scrons flat yellow Calisaya of new import sold well at steady prices, viz., 2s. for sound, 1ather dark and

papery, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 11d. for damaged, and 11d. to 1s. 3d. for badly damaged. Ceylon reports dated December 20 state that a better feeling pervaded the Colombo market; no public sales had taken place yet, but privately a fair business was doing at better prices, and twigs, which were unsaleable before, again found buyers. The exports from Ceylon from October 1 to December 15 are given as follows:—1887, 1,803,726 lbs.; 1886, 2,954,055 lbs.; 1885, 3,855,273 lbs.; 1884, 1,685,107 lbs. The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce states that on December 19 the stock of bark in Colombo was 2,448,800 lbs., of which 1,925,827 lbs. were stem and root bark, and 522,973 lbs. branch. The receipts by rail from the interior from October 1 to November 27 were 761 tons against 1,265 tons in 1836. Official returns give the following figures as representing the total production of cinchona bark from private plantations in Java: 1836, 1,681,350 lbs. (English); 1885, 717,527 lbs.; 1884, 726,669 lbs.; 1883, 413,144 lbs.; 1882, 103,397 lbs.; 1881, 62,687 lbs.

CLOVES.—The production of cloves in Java appears to be growing in importance. Until 1885 there were practically no cloves grown on private plantations in the island, but in 1886 the production amounted to 12,342 lbs.

Cocaine.—Makers have advanced their quotations, and the lowest-priced German brands do not now offer below 21s. per oz. for bulk, and $9\frac{1}{3}d$. per gramme in bottles. Other makers, however, ask rather higher rates. The reasons to which we referred in our last report render a further advance not unlikely.

COCA-LEAVES.—A few parcels common thin to barely fair dark leaves were bought in at 9d. to 1s. per lb. Good qualities do not seem plentiful.

Cocoa Butter.—The first public sales of the year were held on Tucsday, and resulted in a decline of about $1\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb. as compared with the prices obtained at the previous sales. Forty tons of Cadbury's brand in 2-cwt. cases were sold at 1s. $1\frac{1}{5}d$. per lb. to 1s $1\frac{5}{6}d$. per lb. The first lot brought 1s. 2d. per lb., but at the close 1s. $1\frac{3}{8}d$. per lb. was the price.

CREAM OF TARTAR tending lower, supplies being more p'entiful. Firsts on the spot are now quoted at 127?.

CROTON SEED.—Fair pale seeds sold at 11s. pcr cwt.

CUBEBS.—At the commencement of the year our stock numbered 113 bags, but this is very firmly held, up to 271. being privately asked for genuine berries. At the auctions 34 packages were offered, mostly of the bold grey variety. For three cases spurious berries, imported viâ Calcutta, 201. was asked, but, no bid being forthcoming, the lot was bought in at 221. Three bags good genuine berries, slightly stalky, imported viâ Amsterdam, sold at 271. At Singapore, on November 28, there was no stock left, and for the last lots sold there as much as \$108 per picul, or 171. 12s. 6d. per cwt., had been paid. Nineteen bags arrived there by the Glenlyon, viâ Singapore, a few days ago.

CUMIN SEED without demand, but holders appear less firm, 46s. 6d. to 47s. 6d. being named as the limit for good Malta seed. For 30 bags Bomb vy 32s. per cwt. was offered, while another parcel of the same variety was bought in at 37s. 6d. per cwt.

DILL SEED.—An offer of 7s. 6d. per cwt. was refused for 67 bags.

DRAGONSBLOOD. — Only a few cases offered, mostly *Socotrine*, and nothing of this was sold. Fair loose drop was bought in at 90s. per cwt.; drop mixed with dust at 63s. per cwt.

ERGOT OF RYE.—There has been no further movement since our last report, when 2s. 3d. per lb. was mentioned as the price asked for good Spanish. Several lots were offered for sale to-day, but they were mostly wormy or had been sifted, and little was sold. An offer of 2s. per lb. for good Spanish ergot was to be "submitted," but another broker bought in his lot at 2s. 9d. nominally. Seven bags small Russian were bought in at 2s. per lb., and it was claimed that 1s. 10d. had been refused for this lot.

GALLS.—The bulk of lots advertised for sale will not be reached until to-morrow, but a parcel of 26 bags good blue *Turkey* was disposed of at the steady price of 59s. to 60s.

per cwt. Mail advices from Shanghai, dated November 30, report transactions for forward delivery amounting to about 2,000 cases, but there is no stock, and supplies from the interior are very slow in arriving.

GAMBOGE.—Assisted by the favourable statistical position considerable private transactions have taken place, under the influence of which fair orange pipe advanced from 12% to 14%, per cwt., which latter price was paid privately at the end of last week. As might have been expected, only a few cases were offered at the sales, but the competition for these did not at all equal the expectations. Four cases good bright clean broken pipe were bought in at 18%. It was said that some one had offered 14% 2s. 6% for the lot, and that 15% was the price. One case rather dull in colour and blocky sold at 10% 10s.

GENTIAN-ROOT remains steady. Two lots were bought in at 18s. to 20s. per cwt., but 16s. was named as the price for the first of these.

GLYCERINE.—The feeling is rather weaker, and it is probable that some of the manufacturers who still hold out for higher rates will come down to the quotations of their competitors, who offer s.g. 1.260 at 79l. to 80l. and solicit business.

GUINEA GRAINS.—Fairly good quality sold to-day at 20s. per cwt.

GUM AMMONIACUM very neglected; no sales were made. Seedy drop, partly drossy and slightly blocky, was bought in at 30s. per cwt.; dull seedy block, at 20s.; dark seedy blocky siftings, at 10s. per cwt.

GUM ARABIC.—Large auctions will be held next Thursday, meanwhile private business has been very small. At to-day's sales one case fine pale selected *Turkey* sold at 23s. per cwt.; brown glassy *East Indian* lump, at 8l. Good pale olibanum scented glassy *Aden* gum was bought in at 7l. 10s. per cwt. Seventeen cases *Cape* gum sold at 92s. 6d. for fair pale, 62s. 6d. to 69s. for yellow, somewhat dusty, 48s. for small brown, and 30s. for fair pale siftings.

GUM BENJAMIN in very large supply, especially Siam gum, for which the demand is necessarily restricted. A few cases very fine bold selected almonds were bought in at 251. per cwt.; rather darker partly blocky almonds, mixed sizes, at 161.; very common blocky and woody siftings, 81.17s. 6d. Good brown second Sumatra fairly almondy, false packed corners, sold at 91. 10s. to 91. 12s. 6d., and fair quality was bought in at 101. per cwt. To-morrow some fine pale grey Sumatra, and several parcels Palenbang gum, will be offered.

Gum Euphorbium.—Fifteen packages were again offered, and all sold at low prices; good clean pale partly small Mogadore drop at 28s. to 31s. per cwt., bidding commencing at 20s.; ten serons, mostly dust, at 23s. to 23s. 6d. per cwt.

GUM MYRRII.—Holders are firm, but the demand is not very lively. Good selected myrrh is held at 6l. 10s. per cwt,; fair Aden sorts at 95s. per cwt; fairly clean bold siftings sold at 65s.; brown small siftings, at 38s.; dark woody pickings, also at 38s. per cwt.

GUM TRAGACANTH.—Public auctions were held on Friday last, at which 1,468 packages, mostly Syrian, were offered. About 450 packages, nearly all of inferior and medium quality, sold at full rates, but the finer grades were all bought in. Fair yellow seconds sold at 7l. 15s. to 8l. per cwt., plnk to dull 6l. 10s. to 95s.; pickings, good to rather dusty, 6l. 2s. 6d. to 5l. 5s.: good to common thirds 7l. to 5l. 10s.; fourths 5l. 5s. to 85s. per cwt. Hog gum sold at 30s. to 66s., and a few packages siftings at 15s. per cwt.

Honey.—Very little was offered at the auctions to-day, and nothing was sold, although parcels were bought in at stiff prices, viz., 45s. for good hard pale Jamaica, and 35s. per cwt. for liquid brown ditto. Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co., of Liverpool, telegraph us to-day that they have received advices from Chili to the effect that the honey stocks in that country are quite exhausted.

HOLARRHENA.—A 1 cwt. bag of the seeds of *Holarrhena* [Wrightia] antidysenterica was offered under this name, and bought in at 1s. 3d. per lb., no bid being made. The seeds closely resemble those of strophanthus, and have previously been offered for them, but they are easily distinguished from

rophanthus by the absence of the silky coating of fine irs. The bark and seed of this holarrhena are official in e Indian pharmacopeia, the seeds being used as a remedy r dysentery and diarrhea, and as an anthelmintic. A presus attempt to introduce them in this country was unsuessful. The bark is commonly known as conessi bark.

INDIGO.—The quarterly auctions of East Indian indigo ave been postponed from January 16 to January 18.

IODINE still firm at 9d. per oz.; re-sublimed, 13s. 6d. per .; potassium iodide, 11s. 3d. per lb.

IPECACUANHA.—Forty-six serons were included in to-day's actions. At first prices were scarcely as high as those paid the last sales, and a few serons sold at 4s. 7d. to 4s. 9d. for hin to fair annulated, and 4s. 2d. to 4s. 3d. for mouldy and lamaged. Subsequently, however, another lot was offered, and the broker resolutely refused to accept low prices, stating hat he was in possession of advices from South America varranting a considerable advance. In consequence of this tititude buyers made concessions, and an advance of 4d. to 3d. per lb. was established, 12 out of 35 packages selling at 3s. to 5s. 3d. for fair to good sound annulated, and 4s. 11d. to 5s. 1d. for mouldy to slightly damaged. Selected root realised 6s. per lb.

KAMALA very neglected. A few lots offered, but were bought in at nominal prices.

KOLA-NUTS.—One case dry slightly mouldy nuts was bought in at 1s. per lb. Another case, about 50 lbs. fine fresh nuts, dark red, sold at 1s. 1d. per lb., bidding commencing at 4d. per lb.

LOOFAHS.—Four bales of Japanese loofahs were bought in at 3s. per dozen.

MERCURIALS are quoted from 1d. to 2d. per lb. below the prices mentioned in our last report, but the fluctuations of the quicksilver market prevent makers from quoting firm.

MUSK.—The supply offered to-day was a rather extensive one, and although prices still remain very high, the holders showed some disposition to make concessions, and a decline of about 5s. was established. One tin of Tonquin, first pile, very fine thin-skinned small pods, but partly empty, sold at 110s. (at the last auctions 120s. was wanted for this); two others, rather bolder, but slightly damp, sold at the same price; old-fashioned first pile, small to medium, fair shape, sold at 101s. For nine packages imported via Hamburg, to where they had been brought by the new German-Chinese line of steamers, small to medium pods, rather damp and skinny, elicited no offer. Small haid, but genuine pile II, from the same source, sold at 60s. to 62s. Third pile, adulterated, damp, but bold and of good appearance, realised 75s.; low and badly trimmed ditto, 32s. 6d. to 33s. 6d. One caddy Yunan, hard, skinny pods, was bought in at 47s. 6d. per oz. Six caddies damp Russian Cabardine sold at 16s. Privately more money is obtained for good quality. Grain sold at all sorts of figures, from 50s. for fair, down to 2s. 6d. and 3s. per oz. Trimmings fetched 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. per oz, and empty Cabardine skins, 4s. 4d. per oz.

NUX VOMICA.—One hundred and eight bags sea damaged small *Calcutta* sold cheaply at 9s. to 10s. 9d. per cwt. Pale silky *Cochin*, of which 107 pockets were shown, is limited at 12s. per cwt.

OIL (CASTOR).—A fair business is reported privately at steady prices, but of the parcels offered at the auctions none were sold. For fair pale second Calcutta $2\frac{3}{4}d$ is asked, and $2\frac{5}{8}d$ for Madras seconds. On December 20 the Calcutta market was very firm, holders asking such high rates as to prevent any important business to Great Britain or the Colonies. The firmness has been brought about by an advance in the seed.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Star anise without much business at 7s. 4d. per lb. on the spot.—Bergamot is still advancing, as much as 10s. 6d. per lb. f.o.b. Reggio being quoted for the best. According to advices from Italy much higher rates are expected soon.—Camphor oil, 10 cases, dark in colour, sold at 2d. per lb., another parcel was bought in at $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.—Cassia oil nothing is doing privately and the recent quotation shows no change. At Macao on November 30th there was a stock of about 250 piculs. Nearly 800 piculs had been brought to the market since the beginning of the season, con-

siderably more than last year during the corresponding period. The demand had decidedly improved, but buyers appeared to be unwilling to grant the pretensions of holders.—Cajaputh. For a parcel of good green oil, Fisher's brand, 3s. 3d. per bottle was named as the price. Of Cinnamon oil several parcels were offered at the drug sales to-day, and bought in at different prices, from 10d. for inferior to 4s. per oz. (nominally) for two cases fine "Canowenne" oil. Cinnamon leaf oil without much business, at $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz. The exports of cinnamon oil from Ceylon have been rather larger lately, a parcel of 12,672 oz. having left Galle for London on December 4. Fair quality oil is quoted here at 1s. 6d. per oz. The shipments of Citronella oil from Ceylon are still increasing; from October 1 to December 15 the figures stand as follows:—1887, 2,681,712 oz.; 1886, 1,938,944 oz.; 1885, 2,107,452 oz.; 1884, 1,217,448 oz. Our market remains quiet but steady, at $\frac{7}{8}d$. to $\frac{15}{16}d$. per oz. Of Eucalyptus globulus oil, 3 cases which for native brands. have been repeatedly offered for sale were again bought in at 3s. 6d. per lb. Algerian Geranium oil is advancing. At the auctions a parcel of Indian rose oil, probably geranium, was bought in, 4d. per oz. being named as the price. French essential oils are all firmer, owing to the reports that the flower gardens have suffered much from the cold weather which has recently prevailed in the South of France. Fine French Lavender is rather scarce, and more money is asked. Oil of Lemon prices in Italy are still advancing, and from 4s. 9d. to 6s., according to quality, may now be quoted. Lemangrass oil quiet at $1\frac{1}{8}d$, to $1\frac{15}{16}d$, per oz. Three cases oil of Limes sold at 3s. 1d. to 3s. 2d. per lb. for fine sound, and 3s. for "ullage." Otto of Rose without alteration at the established price of 20s. 6d. per oz. f.o.b. Constantinople for leading brands. Peppermint.—English steady at previous rates. American (HGH) offers at 11s. 9d. on the spot, and 11s. forward. In sale 19 cases of 18 bottles each, of which the labels and wrappers were stained or lost, sold at 9s. to 9s. 9d. per lb. Japanese oil dearer, up to 6s. for fine brands. Cocking's Menthol crystals have been advanced to 10s. 6d. per lb. upon advices from Japan.

OIL (OLIVE) firm. Spanish, 36l. to 37l.; Mogadore, 34l. 10s. In Italy there is more business doing at higher quotations. In the Naples districts there has been a continuation of rainy and stormy weather, which is unfavourable for the gathering of the olives, and the result of the Gioja crop is still uncertain; it is evident, however, that of the other Italian Continental crops of this year only such quantities as find their way to Gallipoli will be available for export as common oil, and these oils are not likely to exceed 2,000 to 2,500 tuns. With such prospects and a fair demand for export it is not at all unlikely that when speculators decide on covering themselves there will be a further advance of some importance.

OPIUM.—Nothing doing in London. From Smyrna we hear, under date of December 29, that business had been much brisker there for some days, with fairly large sales at full prices, but at the close more weakness was shown, buyers having retired. A fall in prices was anticipated, especially in Karahissar, of which the bulk of the stock is composed. Reports from the interior state that the Smyrna agents travelling there consider the winter sowings to look very satisfactory; but the native cultivators complain that, whereas last year the sowings suffered from the drought, they are now being damaged by the excess of humidity, while there is not enough snow to protect them. The plants have already grown to a height most unusual at this season, but this precocity is a source of anxiety to the cultivators, because the plants will be unprotected during January and February, which are the coldest months.

ORANGE-PEEL.— Two cases fine red thin machine-cut from Tripeli sold at 1s. 6d. per lb.; dull brown Malta ringlets bought in at 7a. to $7\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

ORRIS ROOT.—Several lots were catalogued for to-day's drug sales. Good pale boldish Italian root was bought in at 50s. per cwt., but much less would probably be taken. In Italy prices remain high at the late advance. Selected Florentine root is worth there 50s. per cwt; second quality, 45s.; Ieronese, from 20s. to 23s. 6d. per cwt.

PISTACHIO NUTS.—Four cases fine fresh red nuts were bought in at 1s. 6d. per lb.

QUICKSILVER.—Flat and lower since last week. quotation is 91. 17s. 6d, but less would probably be accepted by some holders. Messrs. Bennett Brothers estimate the stock of quieksilver in first hands in London at the commencement of the year at about 38,000 bottles, against 50,000 bottles twelve months ago. They say: - "The stock in London is principally held by second hands. The enormous rise that has taken place lately is due to speculation, and, as will be seen above, was not warranted by the actual state of trade. Fresh supplies now coming in, as usual, this article has again commenced to assume its normal state. The price has already fallen eonsiderably, and the market shows a still further downward tendency. There is, therefore, no reason why the price of quicksilver should not before long be again 7l. 15s., at which it was before speculation set Cable advices received from China this week state that holders of quicksilver there show much anxiety to realise. In 1886, although the yield was rapidly decreasing, the Cali fornian quicksilver mines still yielded 30,157 bottles, made up as follows:—New Almaden (J. B. Bandol), 18,000 bottles; Great Western (H. M. Newal & Co.), 1,974; New Idria (Thos. Bell & Co.), 1,406; Sulphur Banks (Parrott & Co.), 1,454; Etna (Daniel Meyer), 3,475; Napa Consolidated (Haas Brothers), 1,787; Redington (Redington & Co.), 428; Great Eastern (Henry Abbey), 817; Marbrattan (Knox & Osborn), 791; sundry mines, 25.

QUININE.—The market has again become dull, and although the English and French manufacturers have not varied their official prices, and the German makers do not quote at all, 2s. per oz. would buy German in bulk in second hands. A parcel of the B & S brand, to arrive from America, has been offered at 1s. 11d. per oz. At the auctions 1,411 oz. "Widmore" quinine in bulk were bought in at 2s. per oz., 1s. 9d. being offered; and 1,534 oz. unbleached, brand not stated, at 2s. per oz.

Rhubarb.—The auctions included 181 chests, of which only a small part was left over for to-morrow. The demand was not equal to the supply, but several lots of good root sold at very full prices. Shensi good bright bold pale coated round, of good pink fracture, brought 3s. per lb.; small ditto, 2s. 3d. per lb.; bold flat, partly good bright fracture, 2s.; medium-sized ditto, 1s. 9d.; fine small round druggists' root, 3s. 1d.; good mixed druggists' pickings, 1s. 2d.; rather dark fracture and slightly spongy, 1s. 9d. per lb. Several pareels very old wormy root were bought in. High dried, fair medium to bold, flat, pale coated brought 10d. to 10½d. per lb.

SAFFRON is still inclined to advance. Finest Valencia is now held at 55s. to 56s. per 1b. Three cases saffron at the auctions were bought in at 40s. to 55s. per 1b.

SARSAPARILLA in very large supply, 208 packages, equal to half our stock, being offered for sale at the auctions. The demand was languid, and the recent prices paid for Jamaica root were not obtainable. Sound grey Jamaica was bought in at 2s. 2d., 4 bales red native sold at 1s. 1d. to 1s. 4d., ordinary damp and damaged Lima-Jamaica 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d., and good ditto 1s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. to 1s. 5d. Six serons dull Honduras brought 1s. per lb. Mexican offers at 5d. per lb. privately.

SENEGA.—Sixteen bales were offered and mostly bought in at 2s. 3d. per lb., 2s. 2d. being asked for fine bright.

SENNA.—A total supply of 509 bales, nearly the whole of which belonged to the Tinnevelly variety, was included in the catalogues. A considerable part of the supply was, however, postponed until to-morrow. What was sold was nearly all of very ordinary quality, which scarcely fetched previous rates. Four bales fine bold green leaf sold at 11d. per lb., and one bale good ditto at $9\frac{\alpha}{4}d$. per lb., but the rest was nearly all ordinary small dull greenish and thin leaf, which realised from $1\frac{\alpha}{4}d$. to 2d. per lb.

SHELLAC.—The decline which we announced last week as having commenced has since made further progress, and before the public auctions on Tuesday standard Second orange (TN) had fallen, by easy stages, to 58s. per cwt. c.i.f. terms, December-February shipment Button lac did not participate in the fall to the same extent as the other varieties, its statistical position being rather better. Of the 1,919 cases eatalogued for sale on Tuesday (composed of 1,432 cases shellae and 487 cases button lac) only 498 cases were

actually offered, and sold at the following prices:—Garnet AC, good bright free, unworked, at 45s. 6d. to 46s. 6d., finishing at 46s. per cwt., which is a slight improvement on the prices paid privately, but somewhat below the values at the auctions of December 13; Button lae, fair firsts, at 64s. to 65s per cwt., being fairly steady; Seconds, ordinary, at 57s. to 58s. per cwt., a slight decline. At the close, however, the market has rallied again, and sales of TN orange up to 55s. c.i.f. (equal to 58s. landed) for forward shipment are reported. Mail reports from Calcutta state that after December 6 the market underwent a reaction, and the price of standard second orange receded, but subsequently the news from London came better, and quotations advanced again. The sales from December 6 to 20 were about 3,000 to 4,000 cases, mostly of low qualities. Good marks are very firm, but do not seem to meet with much inquiry, and for want of any actual business quotations are nominal.

STROPHANTHUS.—Eight bags small green seed, imported from the Cape, were bought in at the nominal price of 25s. per lb.

SULPHUR unaltered and very weak. Flowers are held at 8s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per cwt., and roll sulphur at 6s. 6d. to 7s.

TEA.—A fair trade has been done in most sorts of tea by the dealers since our last report, and the prospect for the future appears to be good. In analysing the statistics for 1887 the total imports and deliveries for the year are curiously evenly balanced, being in each case 215,000,000 lbs. odd. Total imports of all kinds for 1887 show, as compared with 1886, a falling off of 12,000,000 lbs., more than accounted for by the heavy falling off in the exports of China tea. For the first time for many years there has been a falling off in the deliveries of tea to the extent of over 5,000,000 lbs., but this is due to the serious diminution in the export trade from the United Kingdom to the Continent, leaving deliveries for actual home consumption in the United Kingdom some 4,000,000 lbs. better than 1886. The China market has been generally easy, the fog interfering much with business in Mincing Lane, and sales going irregularly and tending downwards. One or two holders show rather more disposition to sell first crop teas under 1s., but finer grades are unaltered. Green teas are unchanged, but scented teas and Oolongs are lower, the former especially showing a serious fall, and being readily taken in the country. Assams are very firm, especially lower grades, with a good business passing. Sales are but moderate, but with the large quantities which must come on the market very shortly we should advise buying from hand to mouth at present. Ceylons are steady at previous rates, very fair value being obtainable from 1s. upwards; but teas for price are still wanted, and proportionately dear.

WAX (BEES').—There was a fairly large assortment, which sold at steady prices, good pale Jamaica 5l. 10s., grey and brown ditto 5l. 2s. 6d. Fine pale was bought in at 6l, per cwt. Australian of mixed colour sold at 5l. 15s. Brown Madras held at 5l. 10s. Madagascar bought in at 90s. to 93s. for good brown to partly pale, and fair Mogadore at 92s. per cwt.

THE DUTCH MARKET.

AMSTERDAM, January 11.

COCOA BUTTER.—On January 10 an auction of about 22 tons Van Houten's butter of cocoa was held here. All were sold, at prices running as follows:—For about $9\frac{1}{2}$ tons A, 77c. to $77\frac{1}{4}$ c. per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo.; about $8\frac{1}{3}$ tons B, 75c. to 76c. per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo.; about 4 tons C, 75c. to $75\frac{1}{2}$ c. per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo., or about 1s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. to 1s. 2d. per lb.

Cubebs.—About 600 lb. genuine, rather stalky, changed hands at 3.25f. per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo. (= 26l. per ewt.); also a few bales spurious berries at 2.80f. per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo. The latest news about the 1888 crop from Java is that it will yield a smaller quantity than last year, and that Singapore has already given high buying orders. Nothing certain can, however, be told as yet, as the crop is merely beginning now. Four bales cultivated cubebs, just arrived here, show a very fine quality. It is rumoured that some coffee-planters, who a few years ago tried to cultivate cubebs, have been successful, and are harvesting small parcels this year for the first time, but no influence will thereby be exercised on the market, as the shipments of that first crop will certainly not be important.

FOREIGN TRADE IN DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

	1mports	Dec., 1885	Dec., 1886	Dec., 1887	Year 1882	Year 1883	Year 1884	Year 1885	Year 1886	Year 1887
Dr	unenumerated value £	63,081	61,267	72,653	840,800	1,135,033	789,224	788,882	670,525	659,440
Ch	al manufactures and ducts, unenumerated,	120,953	104.084	119,718	1,518,728	1,544,694	1,502,668	1,351.777	1,284,275	1,316 853 2,005,020
	Dicals & dyestuffs, uneu. ,,	2J4,020 112,539 3,249	152,672 111,641	214,106 118,851	2,162,598 1,274,827	1,544,694 2,487,615 1,337,243 60,239	1,502.668 2,328,740 1,376,508	2,364,313 1,281,211	2,121,180 1.137,954	1,184,481
	Ili cwt.	3,249 3,142	4,330 3,246	7,618 4,605	67,029 87,901	60,239 81,641	66,989 70,201	63,641 53,699	78,797 55,602	64,172 47,809
E	stone	47,835 11,459	39,985 9,885	48,419 12,307	945,561	877,646 241,026	759,398 193,577	726,048 184,678	636,596 157,917	661 158
1	Tate of soda	83.325	197,049	136,124	292,462 1 ,915,138	2,049,270	2,030,944	2,247,685	1,497,725 744,513	157,188 1,736,802 832,541 303,918
	of potash value £	42,577 40,244 33,377	89,277 24,057	59,61 7 36,101	1,270,352 322,232	1,168,088 284,466	979,261 333 ,756	1,114,982 324,406	271,322	303,918
_	value £	127,420	20,979 30,000	30,059 165,000	351,319 3,444,065	285,158 4,088,982	306,133 4,497,748	272,765 4,136,519	240,486 4,422,478	4,590,907
	thona bark value £	10,425 19,467	2,875 16,503	23,880 10,141	279,291 138,763	299,689 117,325	333,918	326,959 129,606	369.779	439,208 143,833
	value £	128,878 10,053	16,503 78,354 3,259	44,480 7,833	1,781,482 115,956	1,429,261 80,577	906,954	885,241 9 3,10 5	145,519 773,643 75,399	665,45 7 46,443
	yalue £, seed, shell, stick, and dye cwt.	38,137 5,998	16,382 8,594	34,420 11,508	252,475 113,378	179,803 115,309	57,493 173,714	324,687 119,915	294,683 107,307	214,150 114,685
	value £	17,485	24,500	32,250	514,120	490,274	112,967 464,185	384,312	306,075	299,114
	namon" lbs. value £	110,554 4,467	137,574 4,414	66,110 2,346	1,835,039 103,091	1,712 770 97,190	1,967,744 86,003	1,614,504 59,281	1,752,283 58,909	1,109,97 3 44,436
	ger cwt. value £	638 742	7,286 6,525	575 337	25,485 64,409	38,112 100,314	56,293 124,632	82,775 156,172	77,337 134,979	75,1 5 7 141,859
3	perlbs. value £	2,188,598 74,125	2,493,189 72,390	2,099,974 72,161	24,867,892 584,543	317,000,361 847.024	27 970 487	31,657,607 970,521	28,265,739 870,8-8	29,811,852 1,021.991
3	k (for tanuers' or dyers' use) cwt.	17,113 5,586	13,831 3,449	10,682	271,527 126,989	365,346	827,003 430,794 195,208	349,629	390,793 173,066	346,583 147,104
	iline ,,	19,099	19,365	3,207 23,300 23,240)	181,256	275,686	144,207 239,216 243,882	247,293	282,332 254,565
9	zarine ,, ner coal-tar dyes ,,	17,963 87	27,523 37	662	414,685	383,584	244,435	243,882 3,721	259,795 1,623	5,913
	chineal cwt.	1,606 9,288	1,517 9,409	1,879 11,975	24,934 244,894	21,144 151,438	14,100 80,100	13,930 83,640	14,710 94,285	9,961 61,987
0	tch and gambier tons	1,760 39,332 6,374	2,348 52,213	3,541 86,827	30,164 695,040	26,803 709,579	32,215 820,402	26,258 5±2,389	28,369 654,438	27,258 658,364
N.	ligo cwt. value £	6,374 150,799	4,983 109,401	4,190 105,013	95,488 2,610,003	100,713 2,467,083	104,432 2,484,012	94,556 2,133,246	84,754 1,890,965	76,698 1,673,475
- A	dder, madder root, &c cwt.	2.311	2,791 2,846	1,495 2,037	23.162 33,050	21,574 28,197	23.208 31,070	40,829 45,021	21,325 26,710	19,397 24,207
	coa-nut oil cwt.	3,833 19,826 28,324	10,621 14,219	36,969 50,151	136,087 214,236	210,874 365,716	245,695	185,971	156,667 214,211	183,766 251,989
i	ve oil tuns	2,062 82,768	1,156 4z,001	767 28,229	23,190 937,601	30,935 1,193,797	398,488 17,201 715,752	276,841 24.223 979,749	20,692 790,788	20,756 757,040
al	moil cwt.	70,803	99,044	85,457	801,545	743,512	825.822	898,481	993,091	966,536
ei	value £	87,969 8,267,745	107,624	80,233 7,106,278	1,220,817 59,135,384	1,304,385 70,185,563	1,385,345 52,808,436	1,209,722 73,869,787	1,038.208 71,026,962	941,622 77,4 8,062
il	"seed " value £ tons	261,310 1,646	272,578 1,185	186,306 2,544	1,704,753	2,156,235 10,513	1,705,773 12,546	2,284,510 13,029	2,079,406 16,327	2,105,146 15,609
u	rpentine value £	44,308 22,747	27,8 22 39,940	61,721 35,167	478.208 357,818	365,855 350,138	384,509 462,134	367,902 308,442	396,322 294,914	375,952 359,202
	,, value £	29,401	52,052	46,870	€30,085	555,902	£59,972	387,986	392,259	472,016
	EXPORTS									
	sh and Irish produce—									
I	ugs and medicinal pre- parations, unenumerated value £	82,572	72,648	82,530 402,492	935,293	922,649	892,046	842,725	814,213 3,590,683	864, 768 3,826,469
Paj	ndry chemicals ,, anters' colours and materials ,,	342,938 88,233 510,254	333,867 100,285	103,665	4,307,046 1,340,472	4,262,281 1,277,913	4,105,100 1,293,578	3,672,567 1,222,888	1,266,103	1,34 ,376
	xali cwt. ,, value £	154,491	504,318 143,266	620,535 165,450	6,735,800 2,067.806	6,947,000 2,124,962	6,567,326 2,090,573	6,661,800 1,955,790	6,242,800 1,788,078	6,163,684 1,743,599
	aching materials cwt.	127,305 41,965	121,687 43,453	142,563 53,887	1,601,100 340,303 14,041,900*	1,600,600 480,278	1,611,698 661,797	1,507,600 507,080	1,550.400 502,919	1,577,661 593,556
See	ed oil tons	4,693 105,135	5,723 119,086	53,887 7,303 152,639	14,041,900° 1,444,071	20,154,700* 1,863,520		66,295† 1,534, 74 7	70,676; 1,502,346	1.567.664
Soa	ip cwt,	32,662 39,629	119,086 36,248 38,073	36,935 36,039	409,437 458,477	391,788 449,804	476.721 547,854	1,534,747 402,112 472,438	426,904 446,710	451,961 451,246
ore:	ign and Colouial merchandise—	17.012	12,030	53,167	217 668		226,483	241,715		
Сп	chona bark cwt.	12,528 73,026	16,522 73,376	7,021 22,398	80,014 903,332 15,508	309,829 69,371 555,678 13,420 83,103 11,385 319,424 51,411 127,618 67,830 1,677,134 72,336 301,782 184,492	102.853	112,440 621,411	149,078 117,994 547,819	283,625 131,377 481,636 8,113 51,713 9,620
Co	chineal cwt.	1,222	803 5,520	782 4,704	15,508	13,420	679,336 11,252 64,166	12,144 81,144	11 701	8,113 51,713
	tch and gambier tous	8,334 512	766	534	11,218	11,385		8,981	11,301 76,749 10,192 255,145 43,288 174,086 53,959 1,170,242 71,949	9,620
Gu	m'Arabic value £	11,978 6,450	17,445 2,492 9,894	15,088 3,767	41,554	51,424	39,236	206,161 51,858	43,288	41,958
	digo value $\mathfrak L$ cwt.	24,044 2,244 46,832	9,894 2,187	15,197 1,712	90,535	67,830	70,768	71,464	53,959	53,085
	c, seed, shell, stick, and dye cwt.	46,832 7,204 23,784	2,187 48,716 4,779	35,800 4,850	1,774,809 61,737	1,677,134 72,336	1,708,080 62,526	1,536,017 73,152	71,949	1,179,879 67,574
	value £	5,450	13,033 5,011	1,712 35,800 4,850 13,687 5,545	15,508 137,106 11,218 274,899 41,554 90,535 66,617 1,774,809 61,737 295,629 134,568	301,782 184,492	10.972 292,420 39,236 128,263 70,768 1,708,080 62,526 238,239 168,530	240,960 113,171	207,758 98,450	179,379 84,712
	ve oil value £	8,086	7,485 143	197	205,688 3,657	321,521 4,495	274,767	206,161 51,858 186,591 71,464 1,536,017 73,152 240,960 113,171 168,692 2,877	207,758 98,450 138,270 2,510	117,287 2,769
	value £	8,382 31 129	6,656 56,038	8,412 29,399	166,309 428 139		106,869 361,027	388.885	110,516 489,084	114,643 517,169
	, ,, value £	38,317	59,368	8,412 29,399 28,955 59,780 2,700 171,053	205,688 3,657 166,309 428,139 642,216 822,125 37,965 3,031,784	618,771	274,767 2,203 106,869 361,027 616,956 786,545	547,127 1,078,719	110,516 489.084 511,518 575,092 25,764 4,956,020 414,647 24,575 21,146 1,409,937	251,818 41,958 168,012 53,085 1,179,879 67,574 179,379 84,712 117,287 2,769 114,643 517,169 508,734 472,000 20,971 4,685,678 439,246 32,856
	, , , , value £	38,317 56,233 1,992 288,870	59,368 45,806 2,260 289,341	2,700	37,965	38,923	35,276 3,936,881	37,859 3,661,663	25,764	20,971
	value £	23,071	289,341 25,558 231	20,865	242,752	272,030	285 995	287,168	414,6×7	439,246
	trate of potash cwt. value £	23,071 7,903 6,197	232	5,325 4,616	242,752 22,081 25,588	33,027 33,714	29,801 28,297 1,645,369	38,223 31,506	21,146	28,924 1,222,500
	nuamon lbs.	7,664	153,095 5,769	20,865 5,325 4,616 149,000 6,044	1,510,483	201,356 356,538 618,771 771,337 38,923 3,674,789 272,030 33,027 33,714 1,608,046 78,978	1,645,369 71,734 21,365,429	31,506 1,521,463 56,574 21,691,985	00,000	46,330 20,615,400 662,921
Pe	pper lbs. value £	1,757,896 59,877	1,407,969 47,183	908,200 31,137	19,361,569 450,443	19,667,206 535,624	21,365,429 642,172	21,691,985 689,227	20,109,944 638,128	662,921
			64 41							

* Gallons.

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Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish.

Write on one side of the paper only; write early; and derote a separate sheet of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing about other matters at the same time.

If you send us newspapers, please mark what you wish us to read.

Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply.

Before writing for formulæ consult the last volume, if you have it.

Letters, queries, &c., not noticed in this issue will, if possible, be attended to next week.

Maintaining the Pharmacy Act.

SIR,—I cordially endorse the letter of Mr. H. J. Deacon in your last number. But, as the representative society of our trade is wasting its (query—our?) money on curricula, research laboratories, and buildings, instead of imitating the medical authorities and devoting its attention to the just interests of the public and ourselves, could we not force its hand and take up the matter ourselves? If a couple of hundred chemists subscribed a guinea apiece, and chose a committee to act, could not the question be tried? I am not aware if the law requires that the initiative be taken by our lethargic Council. I enclose my card, and am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
AN ASSOCIATE OF THE
PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY. (229/72.)

[Unfortunately it is the case that only the Pharmaceutical Council can prosecute under the 15th section of the Pharmacy Act.]

Isinglass and Gelatine.

SIR,—A few weeks ago you gave me a hint regarding the microscopic characters of isinglass and gelatine. I have since examined both substances microscopically, and as I can find nothing in books regarding the subject, perhaps you will kindly give this publicity. The following is what I have observed:—

Isinglass under the microscope shows a distinctly granulated or cellular formation, which is very marked if dark ground illumination be employed; it polarises well, showing

bright, well-defined patches of colour.

Gelatine.—No structure is discernible, the appearance being that of a transparent jelly in which a great number of minute specks are visible (bright by dark ground illumination). With the polariseope these specks show a distinct cross, from which I infer that it is starch in very small globules. I tried tincture of iodine with both, but without any result. Gelatine polarises, showing specks of colour, owing apparently to the varying thickness.

For examination I soaked each in cold water until quite soft, and then pressed between thin glass.

J. S. (100/42.)

A Chemical Ink.

SIR,—Noticing a remark in your last concerning a blueblack ink, I beg to inform your correspondent that a really good and cheap ink may be made thus:—

The aniline colour is well known in the market, and costs about 4s. 6d. per lb. Yours truly,

ATRAMENT. (233/16.)

Metallic Contamination of Extracts.

SIR,—A few days ago I was mixing 8 oz. of ext. helladon, with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of glycerine, and was surprised to find the steel spatula I used coated with copper to the extent of about four square inches. I do not suppose the amount of copper in the extract to be poisonous, but such a contamination should not exist.

In Solazzi juice we constantly find copper turnings. On one occasion I extracted 20 grains of copper from 2 lbs. of the juice, when boiling it down for sauce. I remember, also, a serious injury to the throat from a sharp piece of copper which was in a piece of liquorice.

Yours truly,

HEDER.

[This is a matter to which more attention ought to be paid. It was pointed out by Mr. Rutherford Hill fully three years ago that many extracts and concentrated preparations contain copper, which he found to be due to the use of copper evaporating vessels. The paper in which these facts were brought forward was read at the Hastings Pharmaceutical Conference, 1884. Recently the matter has been discussed by foreign pharmacists, and all agree that copper vessels should not be used. In Germany they are prohibited by law.]

Art Hints Wanted.

SIR,—I intend to have my shop re-painted at an early date, and invite suggestions from your readers as to the best colour to use on the walls inside. I have tried a salmon colour, also mauve, but am not pleased with either. I should be pleased to hear from brother-pharmacists on this question. Also, for the outside of the shop. Black and gold I suppose all agree in voting the best.

Yours, &c., EPHEMERA. (232/71.)

Cherry Blossom.

SIR,—May I offer my opinion, for the benefit of your correspondent asking about cherry blossom, that it contains nitrobenzol, otherwise mirbane, and to this it owes its wonderfully lasting aroma, I having known a handkerchief to smell of it after three good washes. The following formula is very good, but I think, though I have not tried it yet, that a closer imitation would result from the use of mirbane in suitable proportions instead of almonds:—

			Parts
Ess. peach-blossom			840.
" violet			140
,, bitter almonds (1 to 9)		• •	20
Peach blossom is made as follo	ATT C +		
Teach blossom is made as folic	ws.—		Parts:
Ext. orange-flower pomade			400
" jasmin	• •		100
Ess. bitter almonds (1 to 9)			30
" balsam peru (1 to 9)			20
Oil lemon			20
Rect. spirit			430
	Yours	truly	
January 6.			LF. (203/16.)

Action of Arsenic on Horses.

SIR,—In your number of December 31 you state, in reply to an inquiry of "T. P. R.", "Sulphur is not poisonous unless it contains arsenic, which at one time was a common impurity. We should attribute the poisonous effect on horses to arsenic." If not too much trouble to yourself it would be interesting to me, and doubtless to many of your other readers, to hear what doses of sulphur have been given in the case to which you allude. The usual dose in vet-rinary practice is about 1 oz., and unless that quantity was greatly exceeded I scarcely think the amount of arsenic likely to occur as an impurity would prove injurious to any horse. Veterinary works give the minimum dose of arsenic as 2 grains, to be gradually increased to 20 grains; whilst 5 drachms 1 scruple are stated to have been taken by a horse without any injury resulting, and in another case 1, 4, 3, 2,

drachms were given on successive days, and then the horse id not die till the ninth day, after the last-mentioned dose. Sulphur has, on the other hand, caused great injury when riven in very large quantities to horses, and I should therefore be glad to hear any further particulars you can favour us with in respect to the case now under discussion.

42 Castle Street, W.

Yours, &c., EDWARD STOREY.

[Perhaps "T. P. R." will give the information required. It squite as Mr. Storey states, that large doses of arsenic have been given to horses without producing fatal results, but small doses, such as may be found in impure sulphur, are much more hurtful. Percivall, after giving a horse 20 grains of arsenic per day, followed it up by 380 grains on the seventeenth day, without apparent physiological results. "But," adds Finlay Dun, "although such large does sometimes have little effect, much smaller doses occasionally act with greater violence." Cases are quoted in proof of this. Ed. C. & D.]

Hospital Prescriptions.

SIR,—A former inmate of the Brompton Consumption Hospital on leaving brought a bottle of medicine away with him. Some few months have elapsed, his cough has returned, and he is anxious to obtain more of the medicine. I have twice written to the secretary of the hospital, enclosing a stamped envelope, giving him reference facts to the case and asking if either the medicine or the prescription could be obtained for the patient, who feels the need of it sadly. I have had no reply. Can you tell me how I can assist the patient further?

I am, sir, yours truly,

January 7. G. B. (25/133.)
[Perhaps some chemist with special experience of hospitals

can suggest what course should be taken.]

Some Chemists I Have Met.

SIR,—I do not claim in this note to have had more experience of chemists, or to have met with more phases of their peculiarities, than my fellow-chemists—indeed, I have not seen anything phenomenal in that class of society, and yet I have often been struck and amused with the peculiar traits which have chemists—the experience of the peculiar traits.

which have shown themselves in some chemists.

In the first place, let me say that I am not one of those high and mighty ones who, by a favourable turn in the wheel of fortune, have become almost like hereditary legislators for the weal or woe of pharmacy, so tenaciously do they hold to their posts. Nor am I, on the other hand, a pessimist in pharmaceutical politics—one of those people who tell all their friends that were they to again have the chance of choosing a trade the chemist's would be the last they would think of. Rather would I say that, seeing that it was deliberate choice, "I mean to make the best of it," and persist in regarding that "best" as by no means a bad affair.

My object in writing this note was to tell what I have seen of the different dispositions of the British chemist. explain this I mean to speak of two or three kinds of chemists I have met. First, then, let me mention the professional chemist. By this I do not mean he who has made himself a master in his science, and who relies on his scientific training for his support. No, I mean the "man of letters"—the M.P.S. the A.P.S., and the R.C.D. (London). (The latter is a title I have met but once, and that was at the foot of as quacking and bumptious an advertisement as I remember seeing. I forget the gentleman's name, but that does not matter.) These gentlemen talk largely of the "profession" (I beg their pardon, "the" profession), and I notice that they are ever on the look-out for something to send to the papers, not forgetting to put their names and titles (!) at the end of their letters. I need scarcely say that many of them are supporters of that heaven-sent scheme of compulsory education which some of our "Square" friends have hatched and hashed. Cela va sans dire. But in this case charity beginneth not at home, as it has been my experience that those who are the loudest in the advocacy of the "curriculum" are the quietest and most silent when it comes to their turn for giving their assistants a chance to voluntarily carry out the idea. Then these gentlemen (some of them) say, like the Pharisec of old, "We thank Heaven we are not

as these other men are." (In this case not only do they include the "publican" of the present, but the grocer, confectioner, and tallow-chandler.) Yet, after this pious and lofty expression, offer them a licence to sell wine at prices which "cut" the publican or wine merchant, or candles under the grocer's figure or the chandler's, and then—what? Of course they reject all such base trading, an outsider would-conclude. We know better, though.

However, we will leave them alone in their glory. They remind me of the Irishman who was reproached by his companions because he let his wife beat him. "Well," said he:

"what thin? It plazes her, and it don't hurt me."

Then we have the nervous chemist. Truly his lot is not a happy one. Daring to do nothing himself, he is almost equally successful in preventing the work of others. He it is who comes and asks a busy man questions, relevant or irrelevant—generally the latter. A prescription is to him a burden; and should it contain a poisonous ingredient it becomes a positive dread by day and nightmare by night. He will have everything checked—and sometimes completely checks the work, too. For instance, I once heard of a chemist who was about to start on a journey-of pleasure. It was within ten minutes of the time at which his train was due, and he was at the shop door, when a prescription came in containing half-a-drachm of acid. hydrocyan. dil. B.P. Now he had in his employment a Major man and a junior. Yet he fidgeted about, and waited until the prussic acid was in the bottle, only to find that he was left out, the train having gone; and he only got his deserts.

The worst of this nervous chemist is that nothing can please him. The counter may glisten with polish, the bottlesbe at their brightest, and everything at its best, and yet he is not satisfied. He is like the old lady who, on coming one morning into a room which had been really well dusted, detected dust everywhere, to the great astonishment of Mary Ann. It turned out, however, that though there certainly was dust to be seen, it was on the glasses of the old lady's

spectacles.

Many other types I could wish to mention. The chemist who is a "martinet," the one who is "not above my trade, you know, my boy" (he is generally much below it), and the "tippling chemist" (a type I have rarely met, though). But let me mention, in conclusion, the "good chemist." I am glad to say I have met him. He has been an assistant once (many chemists might never have gone through that stage), and he remembers it. He makes allowances for the foibles and weaknesses of others while keeping a strict look-out on business. He is ready to help, and growls not at a fault displayed by one who never knew the way to overcome or avoid it. May his shadow never grow less! He gets served best in the long run, and has the satisfaction of knowing that the service rendered is given voluntarily, and is not exacted. He is not given to moaning over his fate and waiting in expectation until "the Society" do for him what he can do for himself-establish himself and his business in. the favourable opinion of his neighbours. That such a man has immeasurable advantages over his confrère with much profession but little business tact is not only the opinion of practical men, but is demonstrated time after time in the measure of success attained by each in their business careers. That the snobbishness and the pandering to "big guns which is ever entailed by the passion for thinking one's self better than one really is may become an unknown quantity Yours truly, among the trade is the earnest prayer of H. R.

DISPENSING NOTES.

[The opinion of practical readers is invited on subjects dizoussed under this heading.]

Iodides and Spirit of Nitrous Ether.

J. E. Vause (229/53) asks:—"How should a mixture containing iodide of sodium and sp. æth. nit. be sent out—brown or white, as it quickly liberates iodine. Should the sp. æth. nit. be neutralised or not?"

[Questions similar to this have been previously dealt with, and we may repeat that it is not sufficient to render the spirit neutral; it should be distinctly alkaline. The spirit decom-

poses more rapidly in aqueous mixture than it does alone, and if it is desired that the iodide should not be decomposed, there must be free alkali present to combine with the nitrous acid which is liberated. The mixture should preferably be sent out colourless. At least 2 grains of bicarbonate of potash are required for each drachm of pharmacopæial spirit of nitrous ether.]

A Bottle Question.

What bottle should a mixture with a two-tablespoonful dose (say 8 oz.) be sent out in—an 8-oz. tablespoonful, or a 1 part bottle?

J. E. VAUSE. (229/53.)

Iron and Saeeharin.

SIR,—Having prepared "Elixir of Saccharin "according to Martindale's form, I had occasion to add some to a mixture of tr. ferri perchlor, and aqua, when I was surprised to find a cloudy reddish precipitate at once form. This I attributed to the excess of alkali which I afterwards found Martindale's elixir contained; but having prepared an exactly neutral solution, I found the same precipitate occur. The precipitates dissolved again on shaking in both instances.

Can you explain the nature of this reaction; if so, you will oblige, Yours truly,

AMIDE. (227/13.)

[The precipitate is due to double decomposition between the soda salt of saccharin and the ferric chloride (this is one of the tests for saccharin), but it does not occur if an alcoholic solution of saccharin is used. The precipitate is ferric ortho-sulphamine benzoate.]

Salicylates and Spt. of Nitrous Ether.

SIR,—I shall be pleased to have your opinion of the following prescription. At first the mixture is colourless, but colour is gradually developed—together with peculiar smell and taste—until after forty-eight hours it has the appearance of vin. ferri:

Sod. salicyl.				 	Зj.
Tr. strophanth.	(B. and	(W.)	• •	 	m_{xx}
Glycerini				 	Ess.
Sp. chlorof				 	3ss.
Sp. wth, nit.				 	5iss.
Aq. menth. pip.	. ad			 	3v.
Ft. mist.					

Yours truly,

E. M. B. (229/21.)

The change is most probably due in the first instance to the decomposition of nitrous ether with the liberation of the nitrous radicle, which, taking the place of a hydrogen atom in a little of the salicylate, forms a nitro-salicylate:

> Salieylic acid. C.H.HO.

Nitro-salicylic acid. $C_7H_5(NO_2)O_3$

The formation of nitro-salicylic acid is accompanied by the production of red compounds, and the nitro-salicylates also are of a yellow or red colour.

A Glycyrrhizin Precipitate.

SIR,- Is the copious sediment in the following due to liquorice in chlorodyne; if not, to what; and how can it be avoided ?-

Chlorodyni	 	••	 ij.
Tinet. senegæ	 		 Зij.
Liq. ammon. ac	 		 зij.
Oxymel scillæ ad	 		 Zii.

Yours truly,

EXETER. (123/8.)

[Glyeyrrhizin will certainly be precipitated in the mixture, as well as the ordinary sediment from the senega. The mixture should be filtered.]

A Chemical Change.

SIR,—What change occurs, and what is formed in mixing the following :-

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Liq. plumb. subace.
Sp. terebinthinæ ..
Camphor .. ..
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Yours tru'y,
G. W. KENDALL

[The lead combines with the resin in the turpentine, form ing an insoluble resin soap.]

Permanganate of Potash in Pills.

SIR,—I shall be obliged to have the opinion of some of your correspondents as to the best way of preparing the following pills :-

> Potass. permang. gr. xxiv. Pil. aloes Socot. gr. xxxvj. Misce et divide in pil. xij.

On working the pil. aloes with the potass, permang, previously powdered, to a mass, I found great heat generated, with sparks which resembled electricity, accompanied with a crackling sound, and what was previously a ductile mass was converted into a dry powder. What is the cause? I afterwards rubbed the pulv. potass. permang. with a little ung. resine in lieu of the conf. rose, and afterwards added the other ingredients of the pil. aloes Socot., when a very good mass resulted. Was I justified in doing this? An answer in your next issue will oblige. EXPLOSION. (233/54.)

Alpha. The Glycerine and Carbolic Acid (equal parts) was presumably intended for making a lotion, and was to be used as directed. You are quite justified in dispensing it, but you might have satisfied yourself by judicious inquiry that it was to be used in a proper manner.

LEGAL QUERIES.

35|118. Semper Fidelis.—Anyone can retail spirits of salts and sugar of lead without infringing the Pharmacy Act.

31/120. W. G. P.—Your label renders the preparation liable to medicine-stamp duty.

36/231. Carolus.—The Institute of Chemistry has a monopoly only in the title "Fellow of the Institute of Chemistry." It could not prevent the assumption of the title "Consulting Chemist." Nor could any other body except the Pharmaceutical Society object to it; and a duly qualified chemist and druggist could, no doubt, legally style himself consulting chemist in this country.

228/44. Sydney Smith.—It is highly probable that the label for your "Botanical Corn and Wart Solvent" would render the preparation liable to stamp-duty, as you state that it is "for removing hard and soft corns, warts, &c." But you can only obtain a decisive answer on application to Semerset House.

Chemicus wishes to know if an unqualified man can wholesale laudanum or other poisons in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing, without rendering himself liable to the law. [Yes; the Act exempts "the business of wholesale dealers in supplying poisons in the ordinary course of wholesale dealing"; but they must observe the labelling requirements.]

11/234. Rhei.—We think the Board would regard your "Corn cure" as liable to medicine-stamp duty. They ruled that "Corn eradicator" was liable, while "Corn solvent" they allow to go unstamped. Your directions, however, are not safe, as they too explicitly associate the preparation with the cure. You might get further information by reading a

te on page 560 of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST (May 7, 87), and you could be certain about your label by sending to Somerset House. (2) We do not consider that red and nite precipitate ointments are included in the poison hedule of the Pharmacy Act.

66/233. Guilielmus.—You may see from page 163 of the urent DIARY that the quinine and iron tonic label has been clared not to render the preparation liable to medicineamp duty. We should expect the other labels do render a articles liable, but you had better send duplicates of them Somerset House, and get an official decision. See paraph "Submitting labels to the Board" on page 163 of the IARY.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

225/15. J. Watt.—The navy hospital dispenserships are ne only Government appointments, with the exception of ae Army Hospital Corps, open to chemists as such.

111/5. J. B. H.—Rubber Stamp Ink.—Aniline violet, 0 grains; methylated spirit, 3j.; glycerine, 3ij.; water, 3v. Dissolve the anilinc in the mixture of liquids.

202/32. Glue.— The drug appears to be a species of plumbago, but we shall give full information about it in an early issue.

Books.

233/69. Nemo.—Milk Analysis Wanklyn's is one of the best works. It is published by Trübner (5s)

228/28. Dens.—Meehanieal Dentistry.—Hunter's "Mechanical Dentistry" (Crosby Lockwood & Co., 7s. 6d.), and Cole's "Manual" (Churchill, 7s. 6d.).

229/73. J. G.—For the advanced inorganic chemistry examination of the Science and Art Department, you should read Roscoe's "Lessons." There are books, such as Buckmaster's, which are specially written for the examination.

231/60. R. E.—Read in the first instance Hill and Cooper's "Manual of Venereal Diseases" (Lewis, 2s. 6d.). A formula for the tooth-paste will appear shortly.

228/44. Sydney Smith.—You will find formulæ for Shaving Cream and Brilliantine in the last volume by referring to the index.

· 228/60. Files.—Mange in Cats.—The affection which you describe is generally relieved by the application of sulphur ointment (made with benzoated lard). The cats in most cases lick it off, but that only hastens the cure. A piece of sulphur should be placed in their water basin.

228/40. Calomel makes the following Teething Powders, and wishes to know if there is any truth in the statement that perchloride of mercury is formed in them on keeping.

				Parts	
Hydrarg, subchlorid.					1
Pulv. gum. acaciæ				• •	1/2
" sacchar. alb	••	• •	• •		3½

Misce

[The statement was made many years ago that perchloride of mercury is formed in a mixture of calomel and sugar, and although it has never been corroborated, the statement is generally acted up to. But the natural tendency of sugar is to deoxidise rather than assist the oxidation of mercurial salts; and we have reason to believe that the statement regarding the calomel and sugar is fallacious.]

225/58. Pot. Nit. — Some lime-juice cordials contain bisulphite of lime, which is undoubtedly one of the best preservatives; but cordials containing it acquire a sulphurous acid odour. The later formulæ which we have given,

containing boric or salicylic acid along with spirit as preservative, are the best, and by a judicious modification of the proportions of the preservatives you should have little difficulty in producing a good keeping article.

228/73. Digitalin.—Glycerine of Pepsin.—We have found the following formula satisfactory:—

Macerate the pepsin in the water and acid for a day, then add the glycerine and macerate for a week. Decant or filter.

The National Formulary (U.S.A.) gives the following formula for Liquor Pepsini Concentratus:—

Triturate the saccharated pepsin with the hydrochloric acid, previously diluted with 1 fl. oz. of the water; add the remainder of the water, and allow to stand, with occasional agitation, for twenty-four hours. Then add the glycerine, mix well, and filter.

224/55. W. R. T.—Stamping Tooth-brushes.—Try the following plan:—First stamp the handles with the die, then fill in the impression with a paste made of a borax solution of shellac and the colouring-matter (vermilion, ultramarine, &c.). This composition will not run into the bone.

223/22. Phanix.—A good Stickfast Paste may be made from the following formula:—

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.. 1 oz.
Wheaten flour
Powdered tragacanth
                       ..
                             • •
                                  .. ½ ,,
                                       1/2 ,,
       gum arabic
                                  .. 30 grs.
Salicylic acid.. ..
                       . .
                                     3 drops
Oil of wintergreen ..
                                  .. 12 oz.
Water .. .. ..
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Mix the powders, and gradually add the water; then bring to the boil allow to simmer for twenty minutes, stirring constantly. When cold add the oil.

229/56. Ferrum.—Quinine and Iron Tonie.—The following formula gives a preparation which keeps well and is very palatable:—

Ajax.—It would be difficult to say what might be the minimum quantity of sulphur required to react with lead acetate in hair restorers, for the extent of the reaction is infinitesimal; possibly 2 or 3 grains of lac sulphuris to each drachm of lead acetate. A formula for Erasmus Wilson's Hair Lotion was given in our last volume, page 304.

221/15. Dens Sapiente.—The Universal Cerate which you send has a composition which is fairly represented by the following formula:—

229/7. X. Y. Z.—You must give more information about the sample before we determine its nature.

227/69. Baron.—Wood-shavings and common resin appear to be what your firelighter is composed of.

229/53. J. Vause.—You should try Ashburton Thompson's Solution of Phosphorus. It is made by the following modified formula:—

 Phosphorus
 1 grain

 Absolnte alcohol
 3j.

 Oil of peppermint
 2 drops

 Reetified spirit
 3ss.

 Glyeerine to
 3vi.

Place the phosphorus and glycerine in au 8-oz. flask, and heaton a waterbath, shaking occasionally until the phosphorus is dissolved. Similarly heat the alcohol, and mix with the glycerine; then add the spirit with the oil dissolved in it.

Each teaspoonful contains $\frac{1}{48}$ gr. of phosphorus.

Sagapenum is a somewhat rare gum resin, the origin of which is doubtful, but it is supposed to be derived from a species of Ferula. The colour of true sagapenum is yellow to reddish brown; what is generally found in the market is spurious, galbanum and asafætida entering into its composition.

234/6. Apprentice.—The elixir cascara, B.P.C., is such a preparation as you require.

223/61. Boracis.—By the following formula you can produce a mixture or Brain Food ("for nervous exhaustion, mental weakness, &c."), which closely resembles the preparation which you have submitted to us:—

Bromide of sodium .. 3iss. Pyrophosphate of iron .. 3ix. gr. xvi. Nitrate of potash Glycerine 3ss. Tincture of senna .. 388. Comp. infusion of orange to Zviij.

Dose .- A tablespoonful thrice daily.

221/3. W.—The Rat Killer which you send is a mixture of powdered squill (say, 4 parts) with powdered orris (1 part), scented with verbena. The mole-killer has also a basis of squill. "W." states that these preparations are very deadly to vermin, but harmless to cats, dogs, poultry, and human beings.

237/26. Devonshire.—The quantity of the mixture which you sent was too small for proper examination. If you send more, please give full particulars as to use, &c. We cannot report upon it otherwise.

231/23. Mag. Sulph.—Please refer to our last Educational number (September 17) for full information regarding the veterinary curriculum and examinations.

230/72. S. J. N. T.—The Coloured Lacquers, or varnishes for metal boxes, are made by dissolving aniline dyes or soluble resin colours in a clear varnish. Gamboge gives a fair imitation of gold.

232/31. A. B. C.—The fruit appears to be from a species of cassia.

Information Wanted.

[Replies to the following requests are solicited by correspondents of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST.]

103/26. Address of maker of Lambert's pessary.

228/42. Glue, of the brand "Medaille de 1 erc Classe"; "A. D.," "Extra": where obtainable.

223/22. Composition of the glaze or varnish used in the Sheffield cutlery trade.

229/44. How to remove glass tablets from windows.

231/56. Formula for perfume similar to Mona bouquet.

8/232. Makers of packing-paper covered with cork raspings

Personalities.

MR. THOMAS HUNTSMAN, of Melbourne, the President of the Victorian Pharmaceutical Society, is at present visiting this country.

MR. JOHN HARROP, of Middleton, near Manchester, has disposed of his business to Mr. John Bird. Mr. Thomas Tomlinson, of Manchester, was the negotiator and valuer for both parties.

MR PHILIP PRINCEP, formerly assistant secretary to the British Pharmaceutical Conference, and who was recently appointed dispenser to H.M. Gaol, Brisbane, has taken over the business lately carried on at Warwick, Queensland, by Mr. C. C. T. Magee.

THE business of Mr. Edward Bishop, of Osmaston Street, Derby, has been sold to Mr. Henry B. Pare, of Bolton. Messrs. Berdoe & Co., of London, were the vendors and valuers for Mr. Bishop, and Messrs. Thomas Tomlinson & Son, of Manchester, for the purchaser.

MR. FRANCIS C. CLAYTON has disposed of his interest in the firm of John & Edmund Sturge, chemical manufacturers, Birmingham, in favour of Mr. Henry Lloyd Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a son of Mr. Wilson, the partner in the firm of Albright & Wilson, Oldbury, manufacturing chemists and phosphorus makers.

MR. J. J. HARVEY, who represented Messrs. Bourne, Johnson & Latimer in the North of England, has, after an interval of fifteen years, renewed his connection with the firm. Mr. Harvey, in conjunction with Mr. Shepherd, succeeded to the London branch of the business, which was broken up on the death of Mr. W. Mather.

SCIENCE AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE.—At a meeting in Carnarvon, in the course of a criticism of an address in the Welsh language, Mr. David Jones, chemist and druggist, said that Welsh could be proved to be a language more perfect than English, citing as cases in point the terms of astronomy and botany, which words in the Welsh were much easier understood by a young Welsh student than the English words were by an English student.

A PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST'S "GOLDEN WEDDING."—Mr. Thomas Howard Lavers, a pharmaceutical chemist of over fifty years' standing, celebrated his fiftieth wedding-day on Wednesday, January 11. A large number of handsome presents were sent to the much-respected couple. Mr. Lavers has for some years ceased to take any active part in the business, but his faculties are as brilliant as in years gone by. Mr. Lavers has held almost every post in local affairs, and is looked upon with respect by all who have followed him in parochial work. The lamented death of the wife of Mr. Thomas Francis Lavers (the son and partner) on New Year's Day naturally cast a certain gloom over the family, but friends from far and near, while deeply grieving over Mrs. Lavers's death, could not let the day pass without showing their high esteem for the venerable couple.

THE WILL of John James Graham, of Westmoreland Street, Dublin, and Ellerslie, Sandymount, county Dublin, apothecary, of the firm of Graham & Co., State apothecaries, &c., was proved in Dublin on January 6. Mr. Graham died on November 27 last. The assets are sworn at 15,407%. He gives his wife 2,000l, being part of his investments in the stock of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company; 1,000%. also of this stock to his daughter Helen, and to each of his other children a sum of 1,000l. He directs the interest in his house in Westmoreland Street and his business and stock there to be sold at the discretion of his executors. His house at Sandymount, furniture, pictures, plate, &c., there, he leaves to his wife for life, and then to his children, to be retained as their "general place of abode." He gives his assistant, Michael Kavanagh, 501. free of duty. He directs his house in Kingstown to be sold. His watch and other personal ornaments he leaves to his son John Henry, and his other jewellery he gives his wife and daughters. residue of his property he leaves to his wife and children in He appoints Mr. Archibald Robinson, of equal shares. Palmerston Park, Rathmines, and John Bigger, of Victoria Terrace, St. John's Road, Sandymount, executors.



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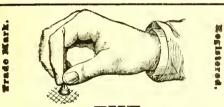
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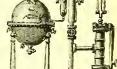
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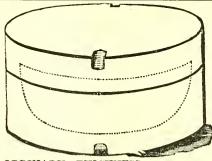
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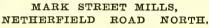
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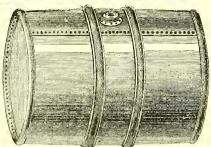
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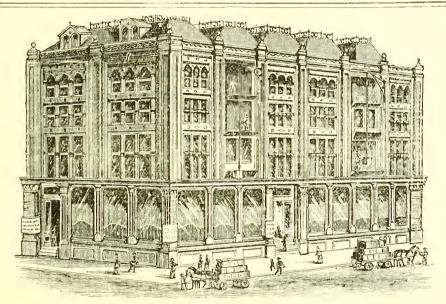
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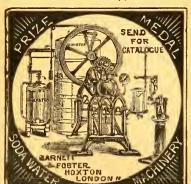
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